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Likud set to dump primaries

By SARAH HONIG

A decision by the Likud convention on the fate of the party's Knesset primaries was not expected before early this morning, but the consensus was that the central committee members would succeed in their bid to do away with them.

This had become inevitable after a last-ditch effort at a face-saving compromise was reportedly foiled by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Science Minister Michael Eitan and MK Uzi Landau, both members of the party's rules committee headed by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, produced a formula whereby the convention might vote to scrap the primaries, but would not decide on a new system until a second convention in February. This won the committee's blessing.

A paper outlining the idea was slipped to Netanyahu on the podium, as Communications Minister Limor Livnat addressed the convention, and Netanyahu exchanged a few words with Hanegbi.

But when Eitan demanded that Hanegbi put the proposal to the delegates on behalf of the committee, he suggested it be presented as Eitan's private proposal. This was taken by all to indicate that Netanyahu had rejected it.

News of the failed compromise further fanned accusations by Likud ministers that Netanyahu was covertly behind the anti-primary move, despite his conciliatory public stance.

Netanyahu told the delegates that he would "accept and abide by any decision you make." At that point, the anti-primary decision seemed a foregone conclusion. The delegates welcomed the fact that Netanyahu did not reiterate his opposition of the previous day to a vote on the primaries.

Earlier in the day, Netanyahu met with three central committee members who spearheaded the anti-primaries move – Moshe Dolgin, Yitzhak Regev, and Moshe Nissan. Dolgin proposed abolishing them, while Regev wanted no new primaries for the prime ministerial candidate in the event of early elections. Netanyahu was dead set against Regev's proposal and Regev withdrew it.

Dolgin reported that Netanyahu "strongly, even passionately, appealed to me to withdraw my proposal, but I could not agree. I said support for the proposal was far too broad and if I dropped it, someone else would sponsor it."

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Netanyahu's arrival at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds on the second turbulent day of the convention was the highlight of a dull afternoon. Presidium chairman Yisrael Katz urged the delegates to "receive the prime minister warmly. Let's show the nation that we support him, that our aim is to strengthen Netanyahu, rather than to undermine him or question his leadership."

Netanyahu was greeted with chants of "Bibi, king of Israel," and "He is great, he is great." He waved and smiled, but during most of the proceedings appeared somber, tense, and deeply perturbed.

Catcalls and heckling erupted when Livnat began her speech, with shouts of "Go home" greeting her contention that "scrapping the primaries will bring us back to the chaos which lost us the 1992 elections." Others rose in her defense and scuffles erupted until Netanyahu ordered them to "sit down. We are here to listen to each other. You are not listening."

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon was cheered with chants of "Arik, king of Israel." He took a swipe at Netanyahu, alluding to charges he is playing a double game. He related that the prime minister "asked for my help at the convention and I answered that I was confused whether I was supposed to help his right or left hand."

Party leader and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addresses the Likud convention yesterday. (Reuters)

Security tightened for Rabin memorial

By LIAT COLLINS and Itim

After weathering a bomb scare this week, Knesset security was expected to be extra tight today during a memorial session being held to mark the second anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Speaker Dan Tichon said yesterday that the Knesset switchboard received an anonymous phone call on Monday claiming there was a bomb in the plenum gallery. Security checks revealed nothing.

But Tichon said that certain measures were taken, such as double checking that the protective glass in front of the visitors' gallery could withstand gunfire.

Some 1,000 dignitaries have been invited to today's session, which starts at 5 p.m. and will be broadcast live on radio, television, and via the Internet (www.knesset.gov.il).

This is the first year a law covering special memorial events for Rabin has been in force, with events dedicated to democracy in schools and flags at public institutions being lowered to half-mast.

A graveside memorial is planned for 3 p.m. at Mount Herzl. Among the scheduled speakers is former Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar. Rabin's son, Yuval, will recite Kaddish. The ceremony will be broadcast live on radio and television.

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Delegates back PM

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By HERB KEINON

The Likud convention seemed beset by schizophrenia last night.

On the one hand, there was an undercurrent of a people's rebellion against the leadership – a rebellion that expressed itself in the delegates' decision to go against the wishes of ministers and vote on changing the primary system.

On the other hand, there was the thunderous ovation with which the delegates greeted the leaders they were rebelling against: Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, and – though to a much lesser extent – Communications Minister Limor Livnat.

"Don't fool yourselves," said Shimon Azran, a central committee member from Haifa. "This convention is 98 percent behind Bibi. It just wants to get itself back into the picture."

Netanyahu, indeed, was greeted with great warmth by the delegates. Many jumped on chairs and sang, "Bibi, king of Israel," when he spoke, and again extended his hand to left-wingers.

There seemed to be a concerted effort to wipe away the memory of the night before, when Netanyahu's speech was interrupted by catcalls.

Almost as a mantra, speaker after speaker referred to Netanyahu as "the Likud leader we all support." Inevitably each was greeted with wild cheers.

Even Sharon, who spoke against "going backward," was greeted with warmth. The delegates seemed to disagree with what he said, but to have no intention of divorcing themselves from the man who said it.

"There's no danger of a split," said Danny Kon, from Karnei Shomron. "This is just something the press has blown up to weaken the party and weaken Netanyahu."

In Kon's eyes, the vociferous debate that took place both inside and outside the hall was not the sign of a party breaking up, but a healthy manifestation of democracy. "This is a very Jewish way of addressing the issues, not in a closed room, but out in the open," Kon said.

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Ex-GSS head: Another assassination possible

By LIAT COLLINS

Another political assassination is possible, former General Security Service head Ya'acov Perry told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday. He did not rule out its coming from the Left.

Shortly after the meeting, MK Benny Elon (Moledet) received a death threat with a bullet in the mail.

Perry joined the call for national conciliation. "The political argument is cutting us up and dividing us and, in my opinion, we are almost heading for civil war," he said.

"It's definitely possible to conclude that, in light of the atmosphere of intolerance and because political argument is getting worse and exceeding reasonable proportions, that people aren't willing to hear the other side. This is an atmosphere which could definitely result in violence, incitement, and calls for death and, as a result, in another political assassination."

Perry said that in recent decades major acts of political violence have come from the Right, but said GSS agents are also working among the Left, where there are also anarchistic groups which deny Israel's right to exist.

"The GSS was created to operate agents. That's not a secret. Agents are operated across the – not political – spectrum; the [spectrum] of people who the service believes have a violent or a law-breaking potential, and it doesn't matter to the GSS from which side of the [political] map."

Discussing Avishai Raviv, Perry said he had often acted without the authorization of his operators and carried out provocations without their knowledge.

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Arab armies said buying equipment from Israel

By STEVE RODAN

An Israeli government contractor has sold millions of dollars worth of defense equipment to Arab militaries, a defense executive said yesterday.

Shlomo Milo, president of TAAS-Israel Industries, said the company was approached by several Arab countries for weapons.

But the Defense Ministry would only approve the sale of non-lethal equipment.

"We have made sales of a couple million dollars to more than one Arab country," Milo said during a tour of the firm's plant in Ramat Hasharon.

Milo refused to name the countries or the type of equipment involved.

"There is a very limited range of products that we are allowed to sell to the Arab countries," Milo said.

A Middle Eastern diplomatic source confirmed that several Arab countries have approached Israel for weapons and electronic equipment used to fight terrorism.

Earlier this year, Israel Aircraft Industries president Moshe Keret said that his company was negotiating with Jordan to cooperate on joint projects, including the production of spare parts for their army.

Israel exported more than $2 billion in defense products in 1996, and officials expect that figure to increase this year.

TAAS expects to garner approximately $500 million from the sales.

Canadian FM, ex-envoy differ on intelligence ties

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Diametrically opposed views about the nature and extent of intelligence cooperation between Canada and Israel were aired yesterday by visiting Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy and former Canadian ambassador to Israel Norman Spector, president and publisher of *The Jerusalem Post*.

After a meeting with Foreign Minister David Levy, during which he was reassured that Mossad agents would never again use Canadian passports as part of their cover during clandestine operations (as in the abortive Mashaal assassination seven weeks ago), Axworthy maintained that this was done without Canada's consent.

He said "rumors" that Canada had given implicit permission for its travel documents to be supplied to Mossad personnel are just not true.

But Spector contended that members of the Canadian Embassy staff and Canadian security officials knew the passports were being used by the Mossad.

"The reason they didn't do anything about it is because of the extensive security cooperation between the two countries," he said.

Spector described Canada as "a small player" in the international espionage game.

"You have to pay for this kind of thing, and therefore Canada had to get into barter arrangements in its dealings with the Mossad," he said.

Lloyd Axworthy (Brian Hendler)

After reiterating the commitments made at the highest government level never to use forged Canadian passports again, Axworthy said: "This affair is behind us."

He welcomed Levy's intention to participate in next month's international conclave in Ottawa, which is expected to lead to the signing of a treaty banning anti-personnel land mines, despite Israel's inability to sign the compact.

Levy offered to send Israeli experts, including mine-clearing teams, to areas especially in Africa, where land mines pose a constant threat to civilians.

Speaking at a joint forum sponsored by the Peres Center for Peace and the Palestinian Center for Regional Studies, Axworthy urged Middle East states to attend the World Economic Forum opening in Qatar on Sunday.

"There must be a parallel track of economic development," he said, referring to peacemaking. "Without the ability to bring private business together we cannot build the underpinnings of peace."

Axworthy vowed that Canada will continue providing material and diplomatic support to the parties negotiating peace and "won't be deterred by the ups and downs of the political process."

Axworthy evaded the question when asked to explain why Jordan, unlike Canada, refrained from recalling its ambassador to Israel over the Mashaal Affair.

US wants 'resolution with teeth' on Iraq

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – The US said yesterday it expects the UN Security Council to pass a "resolution with teeth" against Iraq, but the draft does not call for military action.

Britain was circulating a draft resolution that would condemn Iraq for refusing to cooperate with the US on the arms-inspection teams. It does not declare that Iraq is violating the 1991 Gulf War cease-fire, which presumably is the condition for military action.

"I think the council is ready to move on a resolution with teeth," US Ambassador Bill Richardson said yesterday at the UN. A vote is unlikely before today.

The draft resolution expresses the Security Council's "firm intention" to take "further measures" unless Iraq immediately and unconditionally complies with council orders. It would ban Iraqi officials who interfere with UN inspections from traveling abroad and halt reviews of sanctions until six months after UN inspectors report that Iraq has changed its policy.

The council has said it will not lift the economic sanctions until Baghdad complies with the UN weapons inspections.

France and Russia are said to be balking at imposing additional sanctions.

Iraq yesterday again banned a team of weapons inspectors that included Americans.

Baghdad contends that the American government is manipulating the UN inspectors to retain the sanctions.

European Union warns importers about Israeli goods

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The European Union yesterday warned importers that any Israeli product may violate free-trade stipulations.

The move is the latest in a series of steps the EU has taken to try to force Israel to open its books regarding the sale of orange juice concentrate that was made from Brazilian oranges, but sold under the free-trade agreement between Israel and the EU. The EU claims the juice is subject to about $45 million in unpaid taxes.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said he was "surprised" by the EU's decision to issue the statement, which was printed in *The Official Journal*, widely distributed to European businesses and sent to all European customs services.

Foreign Ministers David Levy and Jacques Poos of Luxembourg, representing the EU, are expected to discuss the orange juice issue today. Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Levy, and Sharansky were scheduled to meet last night.

In 1993 the EU discovered that Israeli exporters were producing orange juice concentrate using Brazilian oranges. Such a move violated the country of origin stipulation that detailed what percentage of a finished product must come from Israeli-made goods.

The government has failed to open its books, claiming that it is illegal for Israel to make documents available to outside sources. As a result of Israel's bureaucratic foot-dragging, the statement said, the EU now believes that the "validity of all preferential certificates issued by Israel, for all products, [has been] put in doubt.

"Community operators submitting such certificates to receive preferential treatment are informed that they must take the necessary precautions from now on, bearing in mind that, should they prove invalid, such certificates have already engendered or could give rise to a customs debt."

If the EU finds Israeli exporters violated trade stipulations, European importers will be required to pay the back taxes on goods they purchased.

The issuance of the warning could result in "no damage or the complete refusal of European importers to purchase Israeli goods," a European diplomat said.

NEWS
in brief

Man stabbed in Jerusalem
A Jerusalem man was stabbed in Kikar Zion yesterday evening. He was lightly wounded in the hand and buttocks. He told police he was stabbed by an Arab, but investigators later determined the alleged attacker was a Jew with a criminal record. *Itim*

Grapes of Wrath UN group hears complaints
The five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring group convened at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura yesterday to discuss two Lebanese allegations that the IDF and South Lebanon Army had violated the understandings. The complaints were over incidents last week in which a civilian was wounded in a shelling east of the Nabatiya market town. *David Rudge*

First Israel-bound flight lands in Jordan
The first Israel-bound flight landed yesterday at Akaba airport in a trial run to assess the feasibility of a joint Israeli-Jordanian airport. The El Al Boeing 757, with 189 passengers on board, touched down at 4:15 p.m., having flown from St. Petersburg, Russia. Fifty seven passengers, mostly Israelis, got off and were driven on a bus to Eilat airport under tight security. The plane then flew on to Tel Aviv. *AP*

Israeli arrested in Onassis kidnap plot
Italian police have arrested an Israeli on Swiss suspicions he was involved in a plot to kidnap the heiress of the vast Onassis shipping fortune, a Swiss official said yesterday. Folco Galli, spokesman for the Swiss Justice Ministry, said that Ronen Balulu, 28, was picked up Monday in Milan on a Swiss international arrest warrant.

Balulu, reportedly a former Mossad member, and six other Israelis are suspected of wanting to kidnap Athena Roussel, the 12-year-old granddaughter of Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, her father, and trustees of her vast fortune last February in St. Moritz. *AP*

Settlers charge GSS involved in incitement
Jewish settlers charged yesterday that General Security Service agents were involved in incitement in Judea and Samaria, similar to actions attributed to Avishai Raviv.

Shilo Gal, head of the Gush Etzion Regional Council, said yesterday that he knew of two agents working in settlements who were active for a number of years. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Public warned of counterfeit shekel notes
The Bank of Israel yesterday issued a warning about the circulation of counterfeit NIS 100 and NIS 200 notes. While the colors and printing of the phony bills are similar to the genuine articles, they can be detected by holding a suspected bill over a real one and comparing the thin metallic safety strips embedded in the notes. Other ways to spot phony bills include the lack of a water mark and the lack of raised printing on the portrait side. Any counterfeit bills detected should be turned in to the nearest police station, the bank said. *Itim*

Egypt to boycott Doha economic conference

CAIRO (AP) – In a move likely to anger the United States, Egypt declared yesterday it would not send a delegation to an economic conference that Israel will attend.

The decision deals a blow to host Qatar and the United States, which had sought a large Arab turnout for the three-day regional economic conference which begins on Sunday.

Egypt will join Syria, Saudi Arabia and several other Arab states which are boycotting the conference to protest the participation of Israel, whom they blame for a deadlock in the peace process.

President Hosni Mubarak, leader of the most populous Arab nation, has long said that Egypt's participation would depend on progress in peace talks.

Information Minister Safwat el-Sherif said the president had told members of his ruling National Democratic Party that Egypt "would not send a delegation." But Sherif quoted Mubarak as saying that he would have "no objections" to Egypt's ambassador to Qatar attending the opening ceremonies "if an invitation is extended."

Egypt recalled the ambassador to Qatar on November 8 amid tension over the conference, which is designed to promote trade and investment, particularly between Israel and the Arab world.

But Monday's edition of Egypt's leading government-run newspaper, *Al-Ahram* said the ambassador would return.

Sherif quoted Mubarak as saying his decision was based on an evaluation of the international benefits, particularly to the Arab world, of holding such a conference now. He implied that Israel stood to gain the most from the conference.

The *only* Arab states who have said they would participate are Jordan, Kuwait and Yemen.

PA security prepared to succeed Arafat

By STEVE RODAN, MOHAMMED NAJIB, and news agencies

The Palestinian Preventive Security Apparatus, headed by Col. Jibril Rajoub, plans to assume control of Palestinian Authority areas should PA Chairman Yasser Arafat die or become incapacitated, the London-based *Al Hayat* reported yesterday.

Quoting Fatah sources, the paper said Rajoub is forming political alliances and providing weapons to supporters for an expected battle with his rivals. The sources said that Rajoub has established bases in every major town in the West Bank and is ready to take power if Arafat dies or is too ill to continue his duties.

The article comes as Palestinian sources report that the PA chief is suffering from a degenerative disease. In late October, they said, Arafat collapsed in Ramallah and was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. Arafat has denied this.

The newspaper says Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan is prepared to take over for Arafat in Gaza. But Fatah sources were quoted as saying that Dahlan has many more enemies to deal with than Rajoub.

The sources said Rajoub discussed the succession issue with CIA representatives.

Palestinian and Israeli sources have reported Rajoub's increased activities over the past six months around the West Bank. This has included the establishment political and security strongholds in major Palestinian cities in the area.

Peace march
Marchers carrying signs that read 'Yes to peace, no to incitement,' make their way toward downtown Jerusalem last night, where over 1,000 people gathered for a memorial rally in Kikar Zion in honor of Yitzhak Rabin. The crowd heard half a dozen speakers, including Yehuda Wachsman, father of Nachshon Wachsman who was kidnapped and killed by terrorists four years ago, and the mother of Smadar Peled who was killed in the Rehov Ben-Yehuda bombing on September 4. A movie of Rabin was shown that included clips of the right-wing rally that took place in the square a month before his assassination, showing the ripping and burning of photographs of Rabin. The movie ended with a clip of the assassination.
(Text: Elli Wohlgelerner; Photo: Brian Hendler)

Netanyahu can expect tea and sympathy in London

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON – Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will encounter straight talk on the peace process from British officials, but also a considerable degree of sympathetic interest on other regional issues, when he arrives early tomorrow for a three-day visit to London.

Talks with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, and other senior government and opposition leaders are expected to focus on outstanding issues related to the interim agreement with the Palestinians – the seaport and airport in Gaza, "safe passage" between Gaza and the West Bank, Israel's delayed redeployments, and the time-out on settlement activity.

But Netanyahu is also likely to encounter unexpected sympathy for Israel's position. He will find a new Labor government that shares Washington's vision of the world and Washington's immediate concerns.

In particular, the British government shares some of Netanyahu's concerns about the Palestinian Authority, not least its inadequate security arrangements and its inadequate financial structures.

As a result of corruption and waste within the Palestinian Authority, Britain is understood to have frozen its bilateral aid to the PA at its current levels and to be insisting that its funds are now applied to specific projects, so that all expenditure is fully accountable.

Britain will also be anxious to know Israel's assessment of the current Iraqi crisis – it has pledged full support for the US position – as well as Israel's assessment of Iran's quest for non-conventional weapons capability and for delivery systems.

While Netanyahu's meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in London on Friday is logistically convenient, as she travels to the Doha economic conference in Qatar, it is also intended to make a political point and underscore the Anglo-American closeness.

In addition to his meetings with Blair, Cook, and Albright, Netanyahu will meet leaders and foreign affairs spokesman of the opposition Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties, address a meeting of parliamentarians at the House of Commons, attend a banquet for leaders of the Jewish community, and address a meeting of the British Herut movement.

Sharansky meets Dor Shalom leaders

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The Dor Shalom peace movement intends to publish a newspaper in Russian as part of its efforts to broaden communication with more sectors of society. The move was announced yesterday after a meeting of the leaders of Dor Shalom, including Yuval Rabin, with Yisrael Ba'aliya chairman and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

Rabin initiated the meeting the day after Sharansky was boohed at the massive memorial rally held for his father, Yitzhak Rabin, on Saturday night.

Sharansky said he was glad to do so, noting he is extremely concerned over the rift in the nation. "I knew it wasn't going to be a picnic when I came to the rally, but that didn't stop me. When I heard the boohs it strengthened my conviction that I was doing the right thing, and this was the place to state my truth and speak of what is common to us all," he said.

Dor Shalom spokesman Yehi-Shalom spoke of the movement's plans to publish a Russian newspaper and Sharansky agreed to be the interviewee in the paper's first edition. Sharansky also agreed to address a Dor Shalom conference. Sharansky said that before Rabin's murder he used to fast only on Tisha Be'av and Yom Kippur, but now he fasts also on the day Rabin was murdered, "as my way of expressing profound shock at this tragic event."

Rachel's Tomb reopens after renovations

By STEVE RODAN and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

An expanded and refurbished Rachel's Tomb was reopened yesterday in Bethlehem. Officials said the improvements will provide greater security and comfort for the thousands of worshipers who visit the ancient religious site.

"We have come to welcome and bring thanks for what has happened to us," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told thousands of worshipers who arrived to pray at the tomb. "We have come to this place and we will never leave."

Officials said the NIS 7 million project provides five times more space for prayer than the original stone structure. They said the main purpose of the complex was to provide security, noting the existing guarded parking lot across from the new complex.

The Religious Affairs Ministry is now planning to turn the road in front of Rachel's Tomb into a plaza for pedestrians, with traffic rerouted to a parallel street. Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi raised the proposal with Mordechai at the dedication ceremony.

Officials said most traffic has already been rerouted to prevent attacks from moving vehicles on worshipers. During extended closures of the territories, IDF soldiers did not allow Palestinian vehicles on the road adjacent to the tomb.

Mordechai said the expansion of the tomb will not disrupt Palestinian life. "The road to Bethlehem is clear. There is no intention to disrupt traffic.

The tomb's famous domed roof – built with the surrounding walls by Moses Montefiore in 1841, after receiving permission from the Turks – is now hidden from the street and the entire site is surrounded by four-meter-high walls joined to a thick concrete ceiling. A 60-meter corridor of reinforced concrete leads from the street into the tomb, protecting worshipers from stone-throwing and terrorist attacks. The archways under the site's central pillars have been unblocked in order to create a more spacious feeling.

In an interview on Arutz 7 Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, in charge of holy sites for the ministry, said the decision to renovate the site became particularly pressing during the September 1996 riots that broke out after the Western Wall Tunnel exit was opened. Rabinovitch said he was at the site when hundreds of Palestinians stoned IDF troops guarding it.

The primaries conspiracy

ANALYSIS
By SARAH HONIG

Those who buy into for conspiracy theories pointed last night to the fact that Likud central committee member Yitzhak Regev dropped his proposal to the convention while fellow delegate Moshe Dolgin did not.

Dolgin's proposal was the one which really mattered, asserted the ministers who accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of duplicity. Regev's proposal was an absurd one of no more than nuisance value, perhaps inserted to function as the goat of the Yiddish folktale, which is introduced into the crowded house to lend the impression of improved conditions after it is later removed.

Regev suggested that in the event of early elections, no new primaries for the party's prime ministerial candidate be held. He told the convention that Netanyahu had nagged him all week to remove his proposal from the convention agenda. Reluctantly, Regev obliged last night.

But Dolgin's proposal was the one on which all the convention's pandemonium hinged – to scrap the primaries for Knesset candidates and return the choice to the central committee. The ministers hotly opposed it. Netanyahu agreed to postpone the decision. Dolgin said that Netanyahu pressured him to withdraw his proposal, but that he resolutely and adamantly refused.

That Netanyahu could sway Regev but not Dolgin was viewed as indicative of the fact that Netanyahu can get results when he wants them, but that he only puts up a show of trying when he is being duplicitous. Netanyahu really wanted Dolgin's proposal to win, some ministers assert.

Netanyahu will find himself very alone in his party in the immediate future. No minister remains without some degree of antagonism to him, although by late last night, when the primaries appeared a lost cause, some actually began paying homage to the newly empowered central committee members. Yet others warned in private conversations of a looming split.

Netanyahu, allegedly, is counting on the storm to blow over in a month or so. The raging ministers will have to resign themselves to the new situation, he is said to believe. After that he will be left without the pesky primaries, which erode his authority in the Knesset faction, and he will be able to exercise more discipline in the Likud – especially on the eve of the troublesome budget vote.

The question, however, is whether in the long-run he hasn't caused himself and the party irreparable damage. That may not be answered until the eve of the next general election, when Labor holds primaries and the Likud does not. If the Likud central committee can choose its Knesset candidates in an impressive orderly, democratic display, the damage might be mitigated.

But past experience teaches us that the restless Likud is generally too irrepressible to do much without great hullabaloo.

PA prisoners die in mysterious circumstances

By STEVE RODAN

Two Palestinian land dealers suspected of selling land to Jews have died recently in prisons of the Palestinian Preventive Security apparatus, one of a heart attack and another of mysterious causes.

Nafe'a Hassan Mardawi, a 50-year-old father of seven, died in Nablus Central Prison on Sunday. He was arrested on June 15 by the PSA on suspicion of selling land to Israelis.

Relatives said Mardawi, who lived in Hableh, a village near Kalkilya, told of being tied up on his first night in detention. He lost consciousness, was hospitalized, and later was transferred to a prison in Nablus, they said.

Mardawi was denied visits by relatives or lawyers for three months.

Ibrahim Sulleiman Alsheikh, 65, was arrested on July 10, and died on October 14 in Nablus Central Prison. The PA has not said how he died.

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Knesset panel given classified data on Raviv

By LIAT COLLINS

Members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday got the chance to look at the short classified section dealing with Avishai Raviv in the Shamgar Commission's report on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

The committee will announce its decision on whether to make this section open to the public tomorrow. It was originally planned to authorize the cabinet's decision to publish the section today, but MKs from both the coalition and opposition asked it be postponed by at least 24 hours so it did not fall on the memorial day for Rabin.

Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen said the timing of the release was not coincidental but aimed at "removing the stain from those who contributed to the atmosphere of incitement which brought about Rabin's murder."

The National Religious Party's Hanan Porat and Shaul Yahalom agreed that it should be postponed by a day, but said there is enough in it to justify establishing an independent clarification committee to investigate Raviv, who worked as a General Security Service agent while heading right-wing organizations.

Porat said a committee should investigate the actions of Raviv, and his operators, and the GSS's code of behavior. Yahalom said Raviv had significantly contributed to what the Left says is the atmosphere of incitement that led to the murder.

After reading the classified section, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said: "Raviv's part in the incitement is much less than that of many politicians. Raviv will not absolve them or save them. It's true that the bastard who shot Rabin has been caught, but Israeli society has still not fingered those who marked the target. Anyone who stood on the balcony at Kikar Zion marked out the target."

Ran Cohen (Meretz) said: "There is no connection between Avishai Raviv and the murder of prime minister Rabin other than Netanyahu's libel," adding that conspiracy theories are a form of libel against the GSS.

Pini Badash (Tsomet) said former GSS head Carmi Gillon should be prosecuted. Ophir Pines (Labor) said Raviv should be tried.

Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) joined the call for a delay in publishing the material. "I am ashamed that on the anniversary of the assassination, we will be dealing with Avishai Raviv instead of doing the soul-searching which could tell us how we got to the point where a prime minister could be murdered."

Shmuel Sackett is held aloft to the cheers of people of supporters who came to demonstrate in support of Sackett and Moshe Feiglin of Zo Artzenu at their sentencing yesterday. Sackett's lawyer Shmuel Casper is on the right. (Isac Harari)

Zo Artzenu heads get light sentences

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The leaders of Zo Artzenu, Moshe Feiglin and Shmuel Sackett, received relatively light sentences yesterday after being convicted of sedition.

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court sentenced Feiglin to 18 months with 12 months suspended, and Sackett to 12 months with eight months suspended.

The court also gave probation officials the option of recommending that the sentence be carried out by community service. A hearing was scheduled for December 17.

"Maybe in the end there is some sort of democracy here in Israel," said Sackett, "because we were worried what the sentence would be, and thank God I'm going home.... The most important thing to remember is, regardless of the sentence, we do not regret our actions: we did what Judaism commanded us to do, and democracy permitted us to do."

Zo Artzenu, or "This is Our Land," organized a series of disruptive protests in the summer of 1995 against implementing the Oslo Accords.

As leaders of the organization, Feiglin and Sackett were found guilty on September 3 of the charge of sedition.

Judges wrote in a lengthy decision that the two sought "to create a situation where, as a result of their actions, the government would not be able to function – not because of their influence on public opinion, but rather because of a physical inability to function."

Asked about allegations that their actions may have contributed to the atmosphere that led to Yitzhak Rabin's assassination two years ago, Sackett replied:

"Nothing we did led to the assassination. ... What we did was completely non-violent, and we stand proud and tall – not that we had to do it, but the fact that we were willing to do it. And if the left-wing ever takes power, heaven forbid, we'll be out there again blocking the street."

Hammer calls for greater tolerance

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said yesterday that Yitzhak Rabin's assassination underscored a need in Israel for wider tolerance of opinions and less tolerance for violence.

"We must try to fully comprehend what happened, to better choose the foundations of our future," Hammer wrote teachers and pupils on the second anniversary of the slaying.

In Israel's 50 years, "nothing has shocked the nation as did the murder of its prime minister, the late Yitzhak Rabin. ... Our souls are still trembling, and our brains still striving to grasp the unimaginable," Hammer wrote.

"We haven't the power to return to the past, to the time of the murder, and chase away the heinous murderer, but we do have the power, and we are duty-bound, to examine how this blood-curdling moment of the pulling of the trigger, ... came upon us," he wrote.

He said "we are commanded to perform some soul-searching: the way in which we conducted the great disagreements between us did not encourage the murderer to keep the safety pin on his weapon."

RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

By YOSEF BEGUN

The second anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination brought to the forefront once again the country's sharply polarized political animosity. In the weekly *24 Hours*, Ilan Kfir writes that "the right-wing extremists who are guilty of Rabin's assassination are not ready to repent. They considered Rabin a danger to the realization of their dream of a 'Greater Israel' spanning both sides of the Jordan River."

Vesti's political commentator Dov Kontorer points out that "a large part of the Jewish population in Israel expressed their dissatisfaction with [Rabin's] policy. The Oslo Accords the Palestinian army in the territories, the willingness to withdraw from the Golan Heights – that was Rabin's political heritage, which will not be accepted by them."

Kontorer criticizes attacks by left-wingers against their right-wing opponents in which they try to utilize the memory of Rabin's assassination.

"It could become a unifying factor, but it will be impossible until the attitude toward the crime is accompanied by a call for loyalty to the political legacy of the deceased premier," Kontorer says.

Mark Bibichkov in *Vesti* presents the credo of the public movement Dor Shalem Doresh Shalom (An Entire Generation Demands Peace):

"The resolution of acute political problems is possible only by means of tolerance brought about by dialogue between ideological opponents."

Movement members have traveled to Kiryat Arba and Hebron, and have met with B'nai Akiva groups. The ideology of the movement is "not abstract peace in the Middle East but peace inside Israeli society...So that this political assassination will be the last in the history of our state," writes Bibichkov.

Sharansky and Lieberman

The rating of the two highest-ranking politicians of Russian origin recently received public attention after the results of a poll were published in *Vesti*. According to the poll, Avigdor Lieberman earned the title "politician of the year," scoring twice as high in popularity as Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

Sharansky lately has advocated the creation of a national unity government. In a *Novosti Nedeli* editorial, Sharansky is described as being deeply concerned about the aggravated struggle between the different camps in Israeli society.

"I do not remember such a situation in all the 11 years I have lived in Israel," Sharansky writes. *Novosti Nedeli* comments that "many politicians and ordinary citizens...welcome Sharansky's initiative," and the paper's front-page headline dubs him "the architect of national unity."

In *Vesti* Anna Isakova writes that "serious political analysts" are very interested in Lieberman's political situation and his prospects for creating a "new Russian party." She calls Lieberman "a political figure of national proportions" and states that the real order of the political forces in the Russian community "is not comprehensible for the [Israeli] mass media." She mentions, for example, that general public opinion seems to feel that the "Russian electorate is politically ignorant and that Russian newspapers manipulate their voting choices."

"It is too early to determine if, in the next election, the disappointed [by Sharansky] voter will cast his ballot for Lieberman," she says.

Shakespeare for schoolchildren

How do you get Russian-born children in Israel interested in the masterpieces of classical literature? "It is impossible to conceive of a Jewish child in Russia who has not read such books," writes Victoria Martinova in *Vesti*.

Members of The Immigrant Teachers' Association in the north have devised a special course to introduce students to masterpieces of world and Russian literature. Sofa Pessina, a teacher of world literature and principal of a school in Haifa, says "it is an attempt to teach our pupils to think in the tradition of the Russian Jewish intelligentsia which was so fundamental for us there. We want to give back to the children the rich world of literature that is their birthright."

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Weizman lauds PM's call for tolerance

By BATSHEVA TSUR

President Ezer Weizman yesterday praised Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for stretching out his hand in a gesture of national reconciliation.

"This was the right direction," Weizman said, referring to the attitude of tolerance towards the Left expressed by Netanyahu at the Likud convention opening. "We must take steps to lower tones in this country and to have a more pleasant atmosphere of dialogue," Weizman told industrialists on National Export Day in Tel Aviv.

Israelis should not be pessimistic about the scope of economic activities with the Palestinians and our Arab neighbors, the president continued, since this is bound to change with time. He called for greater efforts toward peace, "since there is no alternative to peace." Netanyahu reiterated his call for tolerance. "It is possible that closing social gaps and adopting a different tone and a different style of argument will give us a flourishing and developed country that will live in peace with its people and its neighbors," he said.

Meanwhile, some 2,000 postcards have been received by Beit Hanassi since last week, when an ad in *Ha'aretz* called on citizens to write to the president, asking him to remove Netanyahu from office.

The ad, placed by a group calling itself Plebiscite, read: "Democracy is first and foremost getting off your backside and doing something ... Let's go to the president... Write him a postcard."

Father George Edelstein, a Russian Orthodox priest, is shown yesterday alongside his son, Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, at a conference about religion sponsored by the B'nai B'rith World Center and the Konrad Adenaur Foundation. (Yitzhak Elharar)

Edelstein's father, a Russian cleric, blasts his church

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Father George Edelstein, a Russian Orthodox priest in a community outside Moscow, issued a searing condemnation yesterday of the hierarchy of the Moscow Patriarchate, calling it corrupt and a virtual tool of the government.

Edelstein, better known to Israelis as the father of Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, spoke to reporters after a speech to a symposium entitled "The Impact of Politics on Religion at the End of the Twentieth Century."

George Edelstein, who was born to a Jewish father and a Christian mother, embraced Christianity, together with his Jewish wife, in the 1970s. Their son opted for Judaism.

Edelstein said he was proud of his son, an observant Jew, but not because of his position.

"I am proud of Yuli. The important thing for me is not who he is, but how he is. If he did well in any field I would be proud of him," Edelstein said.

His own philosophy was that he had to be tolerant. He had friends who were Christians, Jews, Moslems and agnostics. Above all, he said, he had to look to where he was to blame for any situation.

Then he turned to criticizing church to which he belongs.

"Our leaders are very corrupt and our brothers from the West help to corrupt our leaders by talking only to them. They never talk to the grass roots level," he said.

He also questioned the validity of those who say there has been a resurgence of religion in Russia since the downfall of Communism. Although more people were attending church services, the number may taper off now, Edelstein said.

The conference is sponsored by the B'nai B'rith World Center and the Konrad Adenaur Foundation.

Ciechanover panel asked to resign

AT THE KNESSET

By RAV COLLINS

Ran Cohen (Meretz) yesterday asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to dismiss the members of the Ciechanover Clarification Committee into the *Mashaal Affair* after reports that they lunched with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu Friday, although he is a witness in the affair. Cohen told commission chairman Yosef Ciechanover the committee should resign and said from the start there had been doubts about its independence and credibility.

In response, Ciechanover said the committee holds its meetings in an isolated building and hears witnesses for up to 15 hours a day. He said witnesses appearing at regular mealtimes are invited to the dining room. In this case, Netanyahu was in the dining room when the committee adjourned for lunch he said.

"I can assure you that neither in this case or in other cases is the committee's work discussed during the meal" Ciechanover said.

Panel discusses hazardous materials

Ten percent of the drivers transporting hazardous materials report being drowsy at the wheel at least once a month, the Science and Technology Committee was told yesterday by Dr. Elihu Richter, of the Hebrew University. He called the situation "very worrying" and said the main problem with the transport of hazardous materials lies with the drivers. He said it should be made certain that drivers are not compensated for working unreasonable hours.

Police Dep.-Cmdr. Eli Aroussi, head of the transport department in the Internal Security Ministry, called trucks laden with hazardous materials a "moving time bomb."

Lt.-Col. Dina Franko, in charge of hazardous materials at the Home Front Command, said that safety regulations at the Pi Glilot gas depot are not being implemented because of the decision to move the depot to a location further from a densely populated neighborhood.

Rabbinic court pleaders must marry

If you want to work as a rabbinic court-pleader, first get married. This is the message that came across in the answer to a parliamentary question by Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) to Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi. "Just as a bachelor cannot be a religious court judge, so must a rabbinic pleader be married," said Bibi. "The reason is the sensitive issues with which pleaders and judges deal which require an understanding and knowledge of family life."

Dorm rooms for Arab women

The subcommittee on the status of Arab women, chaired by Tamar Gozansky (Hadash), yesterday condemned the arson attack on the home of female Arab students in Jerusalem and called on the universities to allocate places for Arab women in the dormitories because of the trouble they have in renting apartments off-campus and the threats they face there.

RABIN

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Before the Knesset ceremony, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, President Ezer Weizman, and their wives will receive Leah Rabin in the Speaker's office.

A question was raised yesterday about who would make speeches, after it became known that former Labor Party leader Shimon Peres would be out of the country.

Tichon had previously broadened the list of speakers to include Peres, in addition to current party leader Ehud Barak, following a reported dispute within Labor over who should give the address.

It was decided that in Peres' absence, Nawaf Massalha (Labor), a deputy speaker, would address the plenum as a representative of non-Jews.

Tichon, Weizman, Netanyahu, and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer are also scheduled to speak.

The memorial will apparently open directly with speeches, without a traditional moment of silence. Tichon said the Knesset presidium had received many suggestions about how to start the session, such as with a prayer, or with Rabin's favorite song, the Palmach's "Song of Friendship."

He said it was decided to avoid disagreements by starting with the addresses.

Memorial prayers will be held in the Knesset synagogue at 1 p.m.

A permanent memorial site with a picture of Rabin and a visitors book will also be dedicated today at the MKs' entrance to the House, following a request by MK Eitan Cabel (Labor).

In response to threats by Labor MKs Dalia Itzik and Avi Yehezkel to walk out during Netanyahu's speech, Tichon said he appealed to Barak and other Labor members to avoid such disruptions.

Tichon said he also planned to call a 10-minute recess in the event that there is any heckling or other interruption, a move he said which would "leave it to the public to decide who was responsible for the lack of respect."

A special related session on tolerance and democracy was scheduled for a later date. The first sitting of the Goodwill Forum established by MK Rafi Edri is expected to be held this morning.

Another memorial is being held at noon with 10,000 high school students at the site of the assassination, Tel Aviv's Kikar Rabin. Also participating will be members of the Rabin family and Mayor Roni Milo.

Henry Kissinger, the former US secretary of state, will open a series of lectures in Rabin's memory with a talk on US Middle East policy at the Habimah theater on Sunday.

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Kleiner storms out of ceremony for Holocaust fund signing

Change in Generali deal means families 'have no guaranteed access to money'

By DAVID HARRIS

MKs and representatives of Assicurazioni Generali yesterday appointed five trustees to manage a $12 million fund the Italy-based insurance company set up to compensate families of life insurance policyholders who were killed during the Holocaust.

However, just as the signing ceremony was concluding, MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher) stormed out of the meeting, claiming the agreement signed was different from that arranged with the company. He alleged the new document does not guarantee families will be the highest priority recipients of the fund.

The agreement, which establishes the fund for 12 years, was to have included a clause guaranteeing the highest priority would go to policyholders' families, and particularly to older people. However, the document signed yesterday only gives that guarantee for the first two years of the fund's existence.

After Kleiner, chairman of the Knesset Insurance sub-committee, walked out of the meeting, Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) attempted to reduce the tension between the MKs and representatives of Generali.

"[Trustee board] members should use their discretion on this matter," Ravitz said. "This is a misunderstanding in the wording. All of us trust and support [the trustees]."

During the ceremony, Generali Vice General Manager Luigi Boglioni said establishing the fund forges another bond between the company and the Jewish people.

The fund will be used to provide ex gratia payments to families, medical and psychological help for Holocaust victims and their families and "other suitable purposes."

Following the meeting, Kleiner said the understanding was the fund would first be distributed to families and only then to organizations.

"In my eyes Generali is continuing in its infamous ways in that it wants to take the money and to steal it from those who are entitled to it and give it to others," Kleiner charged. "The company promised to allow representatives of Yad Vashem in [to see its archives], so far this has not happened, also unlike other insurers no accountants have been allowed to see the names of Jewish policyholders."

Israeli lawyer Elisheva Ansbacher alone is acting for some 90 families who claim they hold policies which the company never met.

Some of them object to the fund, which only offers them ex gratia payments.

Generali agreed to establish the fund after MKs threatened a national boycott of the company, which recently bought Migdal Insurance from Bank Leumi in one of the country's largest single investments in a financial institution.

Mordechai to visit Turkey next month

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and METEHAN DEMIR

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai will visit Ankara next month to strengthen military ties with Turkey, Turkish officials said yesterday.

Mordechai's office confirmed the visit would take place but declined to provide an itinerary. Turkish officials said Mordechai had accepted Turkish Defense Minister Ismet Sezgin's invitation to visit.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak was in Turkey last month. Turkish sources said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was also planning a trip to Ankara in three months.

Mordechai, accompanied by a military delegation, is expected to meet with President Suleyman Demirel, Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz and other Turkish leaders, Turkish officials said.

During the visit, details including setting a date for a controversial Turkish-Israeli-US naval maneuver are to be discussed. The maneuver has been planned for January and is to be held off the Israeli coast.

Mordechai's discussions in Turkey are also expected to cover numerous defense issues and joint projects. The Turkish and Israeli defense establishments have considered plans to set up a satellite communication system to create a safe intelligence link, Turkish military sources said.

Meanwhile, Israel reportedly has begun delivery of air-to-ground, stand-off precision-guided Popeye I missiles to Turkey. At least 40 Popeye missiles, with a range of 150 kilometers, will be delivered to Turkey this year. Ankara is expected to purchase 60 more missiles next year.

According to the senior Turkish defense sources, Turkey and Israel are planning to cooperate on a project to jointly produce Delilah and Arrow long-range missiles, with a range of up to 500 kms. Both countries are concerned about the planned transfer of Russian-made S-300 missiles to Cyprus.

Turkey and Israel also have been exchanging intelligence, including information about terrorism.

During his visit, Mordechai is expected to try to convince Turkish officials to open the way for TAAS-Israel Industries to modernize Turkey's aging M-60 tanks. Israel also is bidding to refit Turkey's 48 F-5 war planes and to replace Turkey's G-3 infantry weapons with Galil assault rifles.

Israel Aircraft Industries already is upgrading 54 Turkish F-4s under a $632 million deal.

In a related development, the US has sent fighter jets and a refueling plane to southern Turkey, *Defense News* reported. So far, four F-16 fighters and one KC-135 have arrived at the Incirlik Air Base, which was used extensively during the Gulf war to stage air strikes against Iraq.

Sharing old times

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky (left) meets in his Tel Aviv office yesterday with former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger (center) and former 'New York Times' editor Abe Rosenthal. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

Arbel to update Maccabi Australia head today on bridge-collapse prosecutions

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Maccabi Australia head Ronald Goldman is slated to meet today with State Attorney Edna Arbel to discuss progress in the prosecution of those responsible for the Maccabiah bridge tragedy, in which four Australian athletes were killed. A fifth is currently in very serious condition.

"It's taking too long to come to conclusions," Goldman said in an interview on Israel Radio yesterday. "It's four months now, and it's time that those who perpetrated this awful event are brought to justice."

Goldman said press reports that members of the Australian Jewish community had appealed to the Australian Olympic Committee to bar Israel from the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000 had been taken out of context, and were incorrect.

However, he said, there had been those in the community who had suggested that such a move be considered if Israel does not do justice to the victims.

"Certain suggestions were made that were justice not seen to be done by the time the Olympics comes around, that certainly pressure would be brought on Australia in relation to Israel's participation in the Olympics," he said.

Goldman said he also hopes to met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu during his visit, and would appeal to what he called Netanyahu's sense of justice.

Technion workers demonstrate over dismissal plans

By DAVID RUDGE

Hundreds of angry workers burst into the office of Technion President Prof. Zehev Tadmor yesterday, after burning tires outside the senate building to protest plans to dismiss staff at the university's research and development foundation.

The stormy demonstration followed the breakdown of talks between management, the Histadrut, and representatives of the workers over a recovery program.

There was no violence, despite the heated atmosphere, and the protesters dispersed after their representatives spoke with Tadmor.

The workers did, however, cut power supplies to the senate (administrative) building which remained without electricity throughout the day.

Tadmor agreed to postpone a planned trip abroad to try to resolve the dispute. He called on the Histadrut and the works committee to resume negotiations.

The Histadrut maintained that management has decided to hire bodyguards to protect Tadmor and other senior staff in the event of any violent demonstrations. The claim was categorically denied by Tadmor.

The research and development foundation is a subsidiary of the Technion that operates as a separate body. It has run into severe financial difficulties, accumulating a huge deficit over the past two years at the rate of about NIS 1 million a month.

Management has warned that some facilities run by the foundation will have to be closed and nearly 200 of its 800 workers, including part-timers, dismissed, unless the recovery program is implemented.

Management issued a letter to workers warning of the prospect of dismissals. The Histadrut in turn warned that it would call a strike that would close the Technion completely, if even one worker receives a dismissal notice.

An agreement was reached in principle that 25 workers would retire and an additional 45 would leave voluntarily.

The talks broke down last week, however, over the workers's demands that their pensions be guaranteed.

Tadmor said he had put forward a proposal that would resolve the workers's fears, but they had refused to resume negotiations.

IAF : We train for non-conventional attack

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

In a rare revelation of its defense capabilities against non-conventional weapons, a senior IAF officer said pilots and ground crews train with gas masks on and that some hangars are protected through filters and air-pressure systems.

"The most relevant threat against the air force today is from ground-to-ground missiles," said the head of the IAF's behavioral department, Lt.-Col. Arnon. "The missiles... are capable of being armed with both conventional and non-conventional warheads."

He said the focus of the air defense is directed at Syria, which has hundreds of Scud missiles capable of reaching most of Israel.

"Our enemy has a good attack capability and we have to deploy accordingly," he said in an interview in *B'amahaneh*.

According to Arnon, NBC (nuclear, biological, and chemical) warfare protection is practiced in all branches of the IAF.

"During an anti-aircraft exercise, you can see everyone going around in NBC protective clothing as they go through the alerts and firing their missiles under all conditions," Arnon said. "There is a massive deployment to continue fighting during an attack."

Arnon said all anti-aircraft batteries along the northern front are mobile and able to jump from firing station to station on short notice.

The military weekly included a photo of two pilots wearing gas masks. Arnon said the crews and pilots were able to function even if the jet had become contaminated.

He also said the current IAF assumption is that the Arab states do not have nuclear weapons, and that the aim of the training is to enable tactical warfare to continue under biological or chemical attack.

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NEWS in brief

Rosenstein released to house arrest

Ze'ev Rosenstein, a suspect in the murders of Shoshana, Yehezkel and Ilan Aslan and the attempted murder of Meni Aslan, was released yesterday by a Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on bail for two weeks of house arrest in Hod Hasharon.

Police agreed to the release after Rosenstein signed a self-guarantee of NIS 20,000, and a third-party guarantee of NIS 5,000 was posted. Rosenstein is barred from making contact with anyone else involved in his case. His passport has also been deposited with police. *Itim*

Kazakhstan Airlines #211 passengers sought

The Health Ministry is seeking the identities of all 160 passengers – including 77 olim – on Kazakhstan Airlines flight 211 on October 27 to determine whether any were infected with tuberculosis by a passenger. Anyone who was on the flight is asked to go to the nearest district health office for a skin test. A man who did not inform the Jewish Agency that he was hospitalized in an acute stage of the disease immigrated to Israel last month and was diagnosed here with TB. *Judy Siegel*

Malaysian PM says he is not anti-Jewish

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday he had never meant to offend Jews when he spoke of a Jewish conspiracy against Moslems being responsible for Malaysia's currency crisis. "I was not saying anything anti-Jewish," Mahathir told reporters when asked about his comments last month. He explained he was merely citing the perception of some people, which he does not endorse. "There are people who say it is a Jewish plot," he said. *AP*

Pupils allowed to grade themselves, teachers

Pupils in four schools are being asked to grade themselves, their teachers and their schools. The project, part of a larger one called "Trailblazing Schools" run by school inspector Yehoshua Lavie in three schools in Rehovot and one in Gedera, involved the pupils being asked 31 questions to provide a general assessment of their school. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

Squash from territories barred

A prohibition on the import of squash (marrow) from the territories was announced yesterday by the Health Ministry after it received lab studies showing forbidden levels of pathogens. The ban will be in effect until new tests show the danger has passed. *Judy Siegel*

Red Cross may recognize Magen David

The International Red Cross may be softening its long-standing objections to letting Magen David Adom join the organization and to recognizing the Israeli group's emblem, Stewart Jackson, chairman of the International Society of Friends of MDA said yesterday. Jackson, a New York lawyer and vice president of American Red Magen David for Israel (ARMDI), said he "wouldn't be surprised if, within a couple of years, MDA would be accepted as a full member." The issue is soon to be taken up at an ICRC meeting in Seville. *Judy Siegel*

MDA to be fax-accessible

The Health Ministry will finance the purchase of fax machines for all Magen David Adom ambulance stations so that the deaf can call for help. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza decided to spend NIS 50,000 for this purpose at the request of an association for the hearing impaired. Many deaf people have fax machines, but the lack of faxes in MDA stations prevented them from calling an ambulance. *Judy Siegel*

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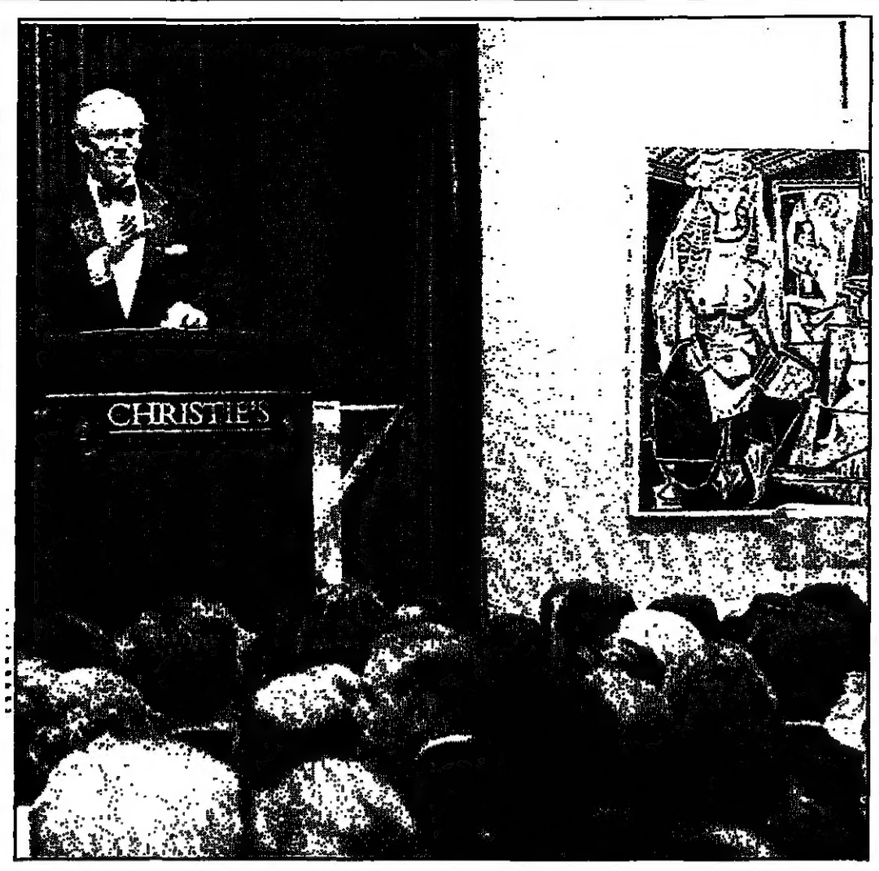

Peddling Picasso

The auctioneer acknowledges the raised paddle of a bidder as Pablo Picasso's 'Version O' of 'Women of Algiers' is auctioned off for $29 million Monday night at Christie's New York. The painting was part of the renowned 20th-century collection of Victor and Sally Ganz. (AP)

Beyond the yellow ribbons

Louise Woodward's hometown vows to clear the nanny's name

By DAN BALZ

LONDON – Elated supporters of Louise Woodward toasted her freedom with tears, cheers and champagne in the little pub in her home village after a judge overturned a jury ruling that she murdered a baby she was supposed to take care of.

But even in their jubilation, they vowed to continue their campaign to overturn her manslaughter conviction and "clear her name completely."

They had tied thousands of yellow ribbons, raised thousands of dollars from all over the world for her legal defense fund, and maintained a vigil in the Rigger pub in little Elton in northwest England since a Cambridge, Mass., jury convicted her of second-degree murder 10 days ago.

Judge Hiller B. Zobel announced Monday morning that he had reduced her conviction to manslaughter, leaving the people of Elton anxiously anticipating what her sentence might be. But not even Woodward anticipated Zobel's ruling that her sentence would be limited to the 279 days she has already served since the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen last winter.

"She was expecting to get 10 years," her younger sister Vicky told Sky News TV from the Rigger pub. "She couldn't believe it. She's so happy. She just wants to say thank you to everybody." The two sisters had spoken by phone moments after the 19-year-old au pair had been freed and rejoined her parents, Gary and Sue Woodward. Vicky Woodward said her sister had exclaimed that, after months inside the Framingham, Mass., prison, she now could see the city of Boston, across the Charles River from Cambridge, spread out before her from her hotel room.

The trial of Louise Woodward had gripped Britain through weeks of testimony, in part because Sky News carried the case live several hours every afternoon.

The case triggered massive criticism of the American judicial system, as British viewers had difficulty comprehending US rules of evidence, the theatrics of televised courtroom proceedings and even Zobel's courtroom demeanor.

The British people quickly took sides and were outraged and disbelieving when Sunil and Deborah Eappen gave a television interview calling Woodward a murderer while the jury was deliberating.

The intensity and interest in the case escalated dramatically with the jury's verdict of second-degree murder, which almost no one here expected. Woodward's friends mounted a campaign to set her free. They received enthusiastic support from the British tabloids, which seized on the crusade.

Over the past few weeks, the Rigger pub in Elton had become an electronic village of television crews, newspaper reporters, satellite trucks and cables snaking through the parking area and into the pub. Local residents have been interviewed hundreds of times by reporters from all over the world.

Friends of Louise Woodward awaiting the verdict of her murder trial at her hometown pub in northwest England (AP)

Monday, her supporters gathered again in the Rigger, many wearing yellow T-shirts calling for Woodward's freedom, to learn what Zobel had decided.

Television watched the locals watching their newly installed computers, hoping to read the judge's decision when it flashed across the World Wide Web. But technology failed. The news arrived the old-fashioned way, delivered through speculation passed on by a television reporter, and then through official confirmation that the judge had reduced the verdict to manslaughter – but had not said anything about sentencing.

Everyone in Britain could see emotions sag in the pub as Woodward's friends realized they would have to wait another five hours for Zobel to announce the sentence.

When the ruling finally came, it seemed to take a second or two to sink in. Then there was a huge cheer in the Rigger and a sign appeared: "Thank You, Judge Zobel." Andrew Miller, the member of Parliament whose district includes Elton, quickly appeared for an interview. "We were all hopeful the judge would go this far," said the television anchor. Miller replied: "I just didn't believe he would do this."

Even in their elation, Woodward's closest supporters declared the battle is not over. "The campaign will go on to try to clear her name completely so that at the end of the day she doesn't have a criminal record," said the Rev. Ken Davey, the vicar of Elton.

Almost lost in the euphoria was the tragedy that had produced the dramatic trial and judicial rulings.

"We must never lose sight of the fact that there is a baby who died," Davey told Sky News, "and our hearts go out to the Eappen family.... All along, our prayers have been not only for Louise and the Woodward family, but also for the Eappen family."

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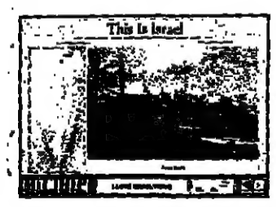

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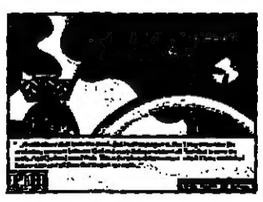

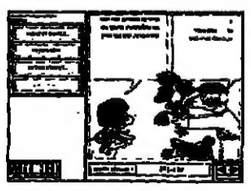

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Welcome to the Cold-War Park

By BILL TARRANT

PANMUNJOM, South Korea – The pride of Taesong-dong ("Freedom Village"), on the tense border dividing the two Koreas, is its flagpole. At 100 meters high, it is billed as the tallest flagpole in the free world.

But a couple of kilometers away, in the North Korean village of Gijong-dong ("Propaganda Village"), stands an even bigger flagpole, 160 meters tall, with a 267 kg. flag.

One side's freedom is the other side's propaganda in the bizarre world of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), the four-km. wide border between North and South Korea that, despite its name, is one of the most militarized places on earth.

Most of North Korea's 1,147,000-strong army, backed by legions of tanks, artillery and chemical weapons, is deployed near the border, the world's last Cold War frontier.

Some 37,500 US troops stand alongside 650,000 South Korean soldiers in a stand-off that has existed since the 1950-53 Korean War ended in a truce, not a peace agreement.

Up until the 1970s, North Korean soldiers used to raid Taesong-dong regularly and take away a farmer or two. But after US troops began guarding its perimeter, the village of 237 people was left alone – until a 66-year-old mother and her 41-year old son were detained by a North Korean patrol on October 17.

They were released three days later, after admitting during interrogation they had wandered into the North while gathering chestnuts, Pyongyang's official media said.

Almost every month, an incident erupts on the border.

In September, South Korean troops shot dead a North Korean soldier who, they said, fired about 10 rounds at them. In July, the North lobbed heavy artillery shells at southern positions after the two sides exchanged gunfire. Pyongyang radio said several North Korean soldiers were wounded, but no one was injured on the southern side. June saw a North Korean soldier dashing through the minefields and barbed wire barriers before swimming across a river to defect to the south.

Despite the dangers, the DMZ has become a popular tourist destination, a kind of Cold War theme park. Some 100,000 tourists visit the border each year, the United Nations Command says.

Tourists pile into a bus at Camp Bonifas – its motto is, "We Stand in Front of Them All" – after signing waiver forms which say the UN Command is not responsible for any "injury or death as a direct result of enemy action" during the tour.

The bus rolls across a bridge over a 25-meter wide land mine field that runs the width of the peninsula, past anti-tank walls, through the autumn foliage to the UN truce village at Panmunjom.

There, inside a conference hall, is the famous green felt table where the two sides meet regularly to talk about truce violations, among other things. A microphone cable across its middle is the demarcation line between the two Koreas.

Tourists take pictures of each other standing on the other side of the table in North Korea territory, of the stony-faced South Korean guards and the Northern soldier peering into the window, checking out the fresh batch of visitors.

People try to get the North Korean soldier to smile, but he doesn't.

"It's a little unreal," said Michael Sawyer, who is leading the tour on this day. "One day I'm doing patrols looking for North Korean soldiers and the next day I'm doing tours showing people a North Korean soldier."

The bus rumbles down to UN Checkpoint Three, overlooking "the Bridge of No Return," where prisoners of war were exchanged after the war. Once across, no one was allowed to turn back – hence the name, Sawyer explains.

The bridge was also the scene of the most grisly incident of the nearly half-century of uneasy armistice. In August 1976, North Korean troops axed to death two U.S. soldiers pruning a tree blocking their view of the bridge.

Checkpoint Three also gives the best view of the two villages and their gargantuan flagpoles.

On rolling hills surrounding "Propaganda Village" sit huge speakers that kick into action at night, blaring out eulogies to North Korean leader Kim Jong-il and espousing the virtues of communism.

Huge signs mounted on the hills facing the South Korean side say things such as: "We have the best system," "Follow our leading star," "Self-reliance is our life."

"Freedom Village" is off-limits to outsiders, but not for security reasons.

Tours to the village ended during the 1988 Seoul Olympics when farmers elsewhere in the south protested noisily after learning that the average income in Taesong-dong was $82,000, the residents paid no taxes, were exempt from military service and owned fields four times larger than the national average.

(Reuters)

US deletes Libya, Syria from list of drug-dealing countries

By DOUGLAS FARAH and THOMAS W. LIPPMAN

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) – US President Bill Clinton has removed Syria and Lebanon from the list of countries that play an important role in producing or shipping illegal drugs, overcoming objections from officials within the administration who argued that progress in the two countries was insufficient to merit the change.

Senior administration officials said the decision, made public Monday in a letter from Clinton to Sen. Charles E. Grassley, chairman of the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, was a recognition of the two countries' successful eradication of the cultivation of poppy plants in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, previously an important source of heroin for Europe and the US.

Grassley, a Republican from Iowa, sharply disagreed with the decision, saying removing Syria from the list was "simply a blunder." Last week, Grassley blocked a Senate vote on four nominees to ambassadorial posts in Latin America to show his displeasure with the failure of the White House to meet a November 1 deadline for submitting the list. Once he received a copy of the letter, an aide said, Grassley released his hold on the nominees, who were confirmed Monday.

Administration officials defended the decision, saying that both countries had made progress in improving their anti-narcotics records.

The officials said the decision was independent of the Middle East peace process, in which administration officials have long sought the cooperation of Syria.

"This was not a political decision, it was made on the facts," one official said. "The countries did not meet the legal definition of major drug-producing or drug transit countries."

The decision is a sharp reversal from last year, when Syria was among six countries "decertified" by the US for its failure to stem the flow of illegal drugs. The decision to remove Syria and Lebanon from the list of 30 countries that are major drug producers or transshipment points means that they will not be considered for decertification when the annual process is taken up next spring.

Although Syria no longer would be subject to sanctions that are applied to drug-trafficking countries, it would continue to be the object of US sanctions because US officials regard it as a supporter of terrorism.

Clinton is required, by November 1, to produce a list of major drug transiting and drug-producing countries. Administration officials said the list was delayed because of the internal debate within the administration over Lebanon and Syria, which were the only countries removed this year from last year's list.

"It was a long debate," one official said. "And it was not always pretty."

In his letter, Clinton said the joint Syrian-Lebanese effort to eradicate Bekaa Valley opium poppy cultivation had been "effective, since US government surveys have detected no current opium poppy cultivation."

Both countries remain "transit areas for South American cocaine and small laboratories in Lebanon reportedly refine southwest Asian opium into heroin destined for Europe and the West," Clinton wrote, but "there is no evidence that any of these drugs reach the United States in quantities that significantly affect the United States."

Chinese Premier Li Peng, right, is greeted in Tokyo on Tuesday at the start of his six-day official visit by Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. (AP)

Chinese premier starts six-day tour of Japan

TOKYO (Reuters) – Chinese Premier Li Peng arrived in Tokyo yesterday for a six-day visit to Japan aimed at turning an often testy relationship into a working partnership.

Li's visit kicked off briskly with summit talks with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, reciprocating the latter's visit to China in early September.

During his stay Li will also meet top business leaders and visit leading manufacturers in Japan's industrial heartland.

The two leaders, whose meetings this year were arranged to mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations, are to agree to create a "constructive partnership for the 21st century," Japanese officials said.

In addition to signing a bilateral fisheries treaty, the two prime ministers are expected to agree to an official visit to Japan by Chinese President Jiang Zemin around October next year.

Japan has said it hopes Li's trip will help keep Sino-Japanese ties developing in step with wider moves toward rapprochement in Asia, where a recent flurry of summitry has warmed ties between Japan and Russia and between China and the United States.

Li's visit, his first since April 1989, coincides with Russian President Boris Yeltsin's official visit to China and follows shortly after Chinese President Jiang Zemin's high-profile US tour and a breakthrough in an informal Siberian summit between Hashimoto and Yeltsin.

Li is expected to reiterate China's worries over a new US-Japan security pact that some Japanese officials have hinted could cover scenarios around Taiwan, which China views as a breakaway province.

In September, Hashimoto failed to dispel his Chinese hosts' concerns about the proposed revision of US-Japan military cooperation guidelines, which would give Tokyo its highest military profile since its defeat in World War II.

China and Japan signed a fresh pact to replace a 1975 bilateral fisheries treaty following their ratification of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea last year, a sign that relations have become more businesslike after a noisy row last year over an island group in the East China Sea.

Li and Hashimoto are also expected to discuss the tense Korean peninsula and Beijing's accession to the World Trade Organization. Tokyo has gone further than Western trading powers in backing China's entry to the global trade body.

Li is to have an audience today with Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko and meet former prime ministers and leaders of major political parties.

With a entourage including Electronics Industry Minister Hu Qili and senior trade official Long Yongtu, Li will later in the week visit the Tokyo headquarters of NEC Corp and Honda Motor Co and Toyota Motor Corp in Nagoya and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. in Osaka.

State Department fears retaliation

Pakistani convicted of slaying two CIA employees in '93

By ANNE GEARAN

FAIRFAX, Virginia (AP) – A Pakistani man was convicted Monday of killing two CIA employees in a shooting spree outside agency headquarters in 1993, and could receive the death penalty.

A jury deliberated four hours before finding Mir Aimal Kasi guilty of one count of capital murder, another count of first-degree murder, and three counts of malicious wounding.

Kasi showed no emotion as the verdicts were read. The wife of one of the dead men wept softly and the sister of another smiled and nodded as the verdicts were returned.

Kasi received maximum sentences of 20 years each for the three malicious wounding counts and 18 years for firearms violations. Jurors were to decide yesterday whether to recommend the death sentence or life in prison for the capital murder conviction.

Earlier Monday, prosecutors told jurors there was no question that Kasi gunned down the two CIA employees four years ago.

"In this case, there's no mystery. It's not even close – the killer, the shooter, is right there," Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Horan said, pointing to Kasi. "He was there to shoot CIA employees. He did what he went there for." Kasi's lawyers, who let closing arguments begin without presenting a case of their own, implored the jurors to maintain a presumption of Kasi's innocence and questioned police tactics in obtaining a written confession.

"It is simple to convict a person if you believe he is guilty," attorney Frank Romano said. While acknowledging that the victims were innocent, Romano said, "their innocence is not proof of Mr. Kasi's guilt." Romano also noted inconsistencies in the testimony about how and where the victims were wounded.

Horan explicitly and, at times, emotionally described the carnage from the January 25, 1993, shooting. He showed the jury photos of the victims and described the way in which Kasi walked up a line of cars waiting to enter CIA headquarters and fired a dozen shots from an AK-47 assault rifle. Eleven shots hit people, killing two and wounding three.

Kasi remained a fugitive for four years, prompting an international manhunt before he was captured in a hotel in Pakistan in June. Prosecutors said Kasi confessed the shootings to FBI agents aboard a flight back to the United States after his capture, and that he again admitted to the shootings in remarks to a Virginia jailer.

The State Department has cautioned Americans traveling abroad to be aware of the potential for retaliation against American interests by sympathizers of Kasi.

In a written advisory, the State Department said "the potential exists for retaliation by Kasi's sympathizers against American interests." It said US government installations abroad have been instructed to review their security precautions.

"While we have no specific threat information, American citizens traveling abroad should pay close attention to their personal security practices overseas in light of the potential threat," the statement said.

US veterans too old for Veterans Day drill

By KAREN TESTA

VERO BEACH, Florida (AP) – For the first time in 51 years, there was no Veterans Day parade in Vero Beach yesterday.

There were no men marching the streets with heavy rifles cradled in their arms, no old soldiers walking stoically under the weight of their nation's flag strapped at their belts.

The Veterans Day parade has become a casualty of the battle against age. Veterans Day, celebrated on November 11, commemorates the armistice ending World War I and honors veterans of all wars.

The World War II veterans are simply too old to walk the route, which is a little more than a mile long.

"We have people who are somewhere around 80 years old, and they can't carry the big heavy flags they carried 20 years ago," said Bud Gibbs, 74, a former prisoner of war and vice president of Indian River County's Veterans Council. "We would be foolish to think we could do that, any more than we could play baseball like we used to."

Instead, a celebration was planned at Memorial Island, eight immaculate acres in the Intracoastal Waterway. Golf carts were taking the older participants the 100 yards or so from the mainland parking lot to the island.

The experience in Indian River County – a citrus region of about 100,000 people, nearly a third of them over 65 – is becoming increasingly common in communities around the country.

During the past two years, the number of surviving World War II veterans in the US fell below the number of Vietnam veterans.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 6.7 million veterans of World War II are still alive, with an average age of 77. There are 8.2 million Vietnam War veterans, with an average age of 51.

"What we're seeing broadly across the country is – in a word – life," said Phil Budahn, spokesman for the American Legion.

"One generation passes from the scene and other generations come forward."

Whether veterans of more recent wars will organize and participate in Veterans Day activities in the same way that their World War II counterparts have done remains to be seen.

Age is not the only factor.

With Vietnam, many veterans returned feeling shame or disgust – not the warm embrace of a proud nation. And while the Gulf War restored some of the lost patriotism, that dissipated rapidly, said Chris Scheer, a spokesman for Veterans Affairs.

"The legacy of Vietnam is that patriotism, overt patriotism, really wasn't in fashion for some time," Scheer said. "I think that's changing."

While veterans parades in some large metropolitan areas seem to be losing their luster, celebrations have been given new life in communities such as Branson, Missouri, Birmingham, Alabama – even the nation's capital. This year, for only the second time since 1932, Washington has a veterans parade.

This year's celebration in Vero Beach promised to be dominated, as it has been for nearly half a century, by World War II veterans. Several hundred people were expected to gather on the island.

"That's the only thing we got that says we're still here," said Ed Lohman, 76, a 37-year Navy reservist who took part in World War II, Vietnam, and the Bay of Pigs.

Gibbs, who parachuted from a plane and survived nearly 16 months in a German POW camp, said the number of participants in Veterans Day events is not significant – as long as it is strong enough to get the message to the next generations.

"When we pass on, hopefully we will have taught our children and other people this is something we should always do," he said.

GSS

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But, he said, Raviv was not among the chief inciters and was not a big fish. Perry said the public discussions on Raviv's role in the assassination and what preceded it had grown out of all proportion and could hurt the GSS to the point of creating chaos in the organization.

MKs from both Left and Right agreed with the need to prevent damage to the standing and operations of the GSS, but disagreed on much surrounding the Raviv affair.

"I think that even here in the Knesset, we are responsible that the political discourse be changed," said committee chairman Sallah Tarif, but added in an exchange with MKs on the Right: "I'm saddened that today I am defending the GSS more than some of those in the 'national' camp."

DELEGATES

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The hall itself was an asthmatic's nightmare, with cigarette smoke so thick the eyes burned. The delegates, estimated at about 1,500, thought nothing of walking in and out during speeches and interrupting with heckling, accompanied by the flailing of arms.

When Netanyahu took the podium to speak the first time, the hall was little more than half full, as many delegates who stepped out to vote were tied up trying to get back in through the metal detectors.

Outside the hall, as people lined up to vote, small groups formed and debate over the primaries raged.

MK Uzi Landau jumped on a chair, as though he were a union leader, to argue in favor of doing away with the primaries, but adding that a time-out was needed to think everything through.

"No, we want to do it today," someone shouted, sparking a high-decibel exchange.

Azran, the Haifa committee member, whose booming voice was heard above the crowd, admitted to having voted for the primaries four years ago.

"That was a mistake," he said. "We didn't know how it would work. We didn't know it would mean that the rich would be elected and that the ministers could ignore the party. This is not what we intended, but that's what happened."

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Millennium euro-bugs

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

The chief executive of the software giant Novell Corp. said this week that he is really surprised at how bad the problem of the so-called millennium bug is.

The bug, or "year 2000 problem" means that many mainframe computers are unable to handle the change from 1999 to 2000 resulting in chaos to the systems they control. If, for example, a bank computer reverts to 1900, the ramifications for deposits, transfers, dated contracts or insurance polices, boggles the mind.

The bug exists because programmers 20 or 30 years ago saved then-scarce and expensive processor space by dropping the first two digits of the century's years in their programs. Their assumption was that by the time 2000 came around, 1970s computers would be in museums or junk yards.

It has come as a surprise to many of us who feel pressured to upgrade our home computers every month or be left behind in the digital rat race to learn that the programmers were wrong and that these ancient computers are still massively in use throughout industry. Estimates of the cost of fixing the millennium bug run into the hundreds of billions of dollars.

Dead beat

It all seems so unlikely that many people feel the bug is one of those media scares or urban legends spread on the Internet like a virus hoax.

But Eric Schmidt of Novell told the *International Herald Tribune* in an interview on Monday: "I have reluctantly concluded that all the press about the year 2000 problem is in fact correct." From such an expert, we can take this first global computer crisis as a fact.

Fixing it is even more problematic because, as Schmidt said, many of the original programmers "are literally dead" and no one uses their ancient program languages any more.

Long retired programmers have landed an unexpected Golden Age bonanza by being hauled out of their rose gardens to reprogram the still-existent dinosaur machines. A friend in Dublin recently chuckled down the phone about £1,000 (nearly NIS 5,000) a day he was being paid for writing de-bug programs.

But Schmidt made an interesting point no one else seems to have noticed – that the millennium bug is coupled with the euro, the European Union's new common currency, which is to be launched a year earlier.

It sounds like yet another ominous note in the many discordant noises dogging Europe's march to the golden horizon of a shared currency. Schmidt said that the euro and the millennium bug could not have coincided at a worse time from the perspective of the information technologies (his industry) because they will drain "a lot of funds from a lot of other things."

Click clack

Other American information industry chiefs have for long complained that Europe has now fallen badly behind much of the rest of the world in developing these technologies.

Even emerging countries are advancing more rapidly than Europe in this field by leap-frogging intermediate development stages and, for example, installing fiber-optic lines and digital technology rather than copper lines and click-clack telephone exchanges.

American visitors to some European countries are amazed by the lack of those Internet facilities which now are ubiquitous in the United States. This is a sure sign of low public awareness of the information technology revolution, and it is reflected upwards into laggardly industries.

Surprisingly though, there are few prophets of doom in the European Union, although there is plenty of grumbling and a lot of heated arguments. Europe's ability to confound simplistic American analyses with its own complex and logic-defying solutions is legendary historic fact.

Last year, the American business media seemed to be forming a view of Europe as a stagnant dusty museum – a picturesque and nostalgic place for North Americans to visit as they hurried onward to feed the Asian tigers with juicy investment steaks.

Not bugged

Now the tigers are looking scrawny and the EU, for all its alleged "industrial backwardness," is looking pretty sleek. All its major economies are picking up nicely and gliding like an elegant European car into the fast lane.

Esoteric discussions do rage on, ignored by a largely uncomprehending and yet uninterested public as the euro currency, set to rival the imperial US dollar, marches nearer. Such issues as the level at which European exchange rates will be fixed ahead of the creation of the euro do not make for light reading. Most decisions on monetary union are already made, even if plenty more controversy looms.

The serious cloud on the EU horizon remains 11 percent unemployment, even as export-driven growth picks up for what economists are calling a "jobless recovery."

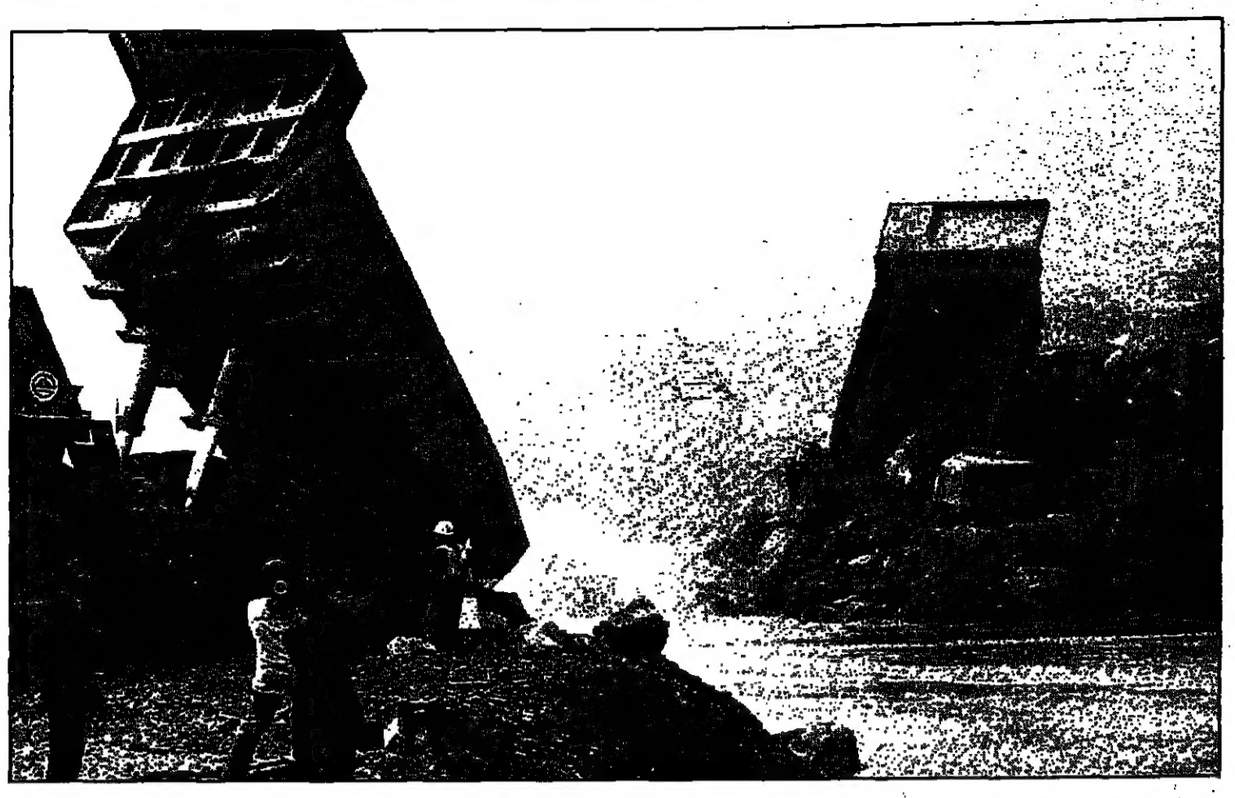
Europe already spends so much on social welfare and high unemployment benefits that there is no cash to spare for major job-creation schemes. Most of the unemployed are comfortable enough not to bother looking for jobs unless they pay far more than the generous benefits. This is going to be the EU's real millennium bug.

Unfortunately, there are no wise old economists to pull out of retirement to fix it.

Dammed if you do

China's $29 billion effort to rechart the Yangtze River, burying over a thousand villages in the process, has become the world's most controversial construction project

By STEVEN MUFSON



For six and a half hours, a procession of oversized earth movers – 118 per hour – dropped 45-ton and 77-ton loads of rock and gravel into a 33-foot gap in the barrier. (AP)

SANDOUPING, China – Here at what was once a scenic but treacherous bend in the first of the Yangtze River's legendary Three Gorges, the Chinese government inched closer Saturday to realizing a vision that combines ambition worthy of pyramid-building Pharaohs with the destructiveness of open pit-coal mining.

As China's President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng watched through binoculars from a temporary reviewing stand on a gash in the ravaged shoreline, teams of drivers – most behind the wheels of giant Caterpillar dump trucks – pitched load after load of granite boulders into the voracious water to complete a man-made barrier and block the Yangtze's main channel.

The plugging of the world's third-longest river at its steepest and most perilous point marked a major – and some critics fear irreversible – step forward in the construction of the controversial Three Gorges Dam.

The hydropower project, which will be the world's largest, is expected to cost at least $29 billion, tower 610 feet over the current river surface, span 6,600 feet and create a reservoir that will force more than 1.2 million people from their homes.

National television broadcast live the final stage in building the temporary barrier that will shield the dam work site from the river, a task that makes the parting of the Red Sea seem simple by comparison.

For six and a half hours, a procession of oversized earth movers – 118 per hour – dropped 45-ton and 77-ton loads of rock and gravel into a 33-foot gap in the barrier. At 3:15 p.m., when the pool of water below the barrier grew still and the river above turned to join the water flowing through a temporary diversion channel, fireworks went off, ship horns blared, cheers went up from thousands of spectators on the shoreline and the brass band from the Navy's engineering institute struck up "Song for the Motherland."

Jiang hailed the event as "a remarkable feat in the history of mankind to reshape and exploit natural resources" and said it "embodies the great industrious and dauntless spirit of the Chinese nation." And though Li didn't make a speech, the day marked a victory for the premier, a Soviet-trained hydrologic engineer who has championed the dam project for more than a decade.

Despite Saturday's milestone, the wisdom of building the dam remains the subject of debate. When completed in 2009, Three Gorges will generate 18,200 megawatts of power, 50 percent more than South America's Itaipu dam, which is the largest dam in the world.

In the United States, the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River in Washington state generates 6,800 megawatts of power.

The Three Gorges dam project will form a reservoir 412 miles long and inundate an area seven times the size of the District of Columbia.

The reservoir will bury 13 cities, 140 towns, 1,352 villages and about 650 factories. It will raise the water level by 577 feet, submerging hundreds of ancient archaeological sites and much of the base of the granite and limestone cliffs that line the gorges and are among China's greatest tourist attractions.

The dam's supporters call it a triumph of human determination and ingenuity, crucial for controlling lethal floods and generating clean, much-needed energy for China's populous Yangtze River valley, where a third of China's 1.2 billion people live. Whereas trackers on the river banks once strained on ropes to help boats up the river, the dam will enable ocean-going ships to travel 1,500 miles inland to the city of Chongqing.

Citing floods that have killed tens of thousands of people in the Yangtze River valley three times this century, Guo Shuyang, an official of the Three Gorges Project, said, "We will spend big money to solve big problems."

Critics, however, call the dam a mammoth folly, a triumph of human ego and political showmanship over reason, and an environmental catastrophe that will neither stop floods nor solve the region's development problems. Moreover, some hydrologists say the Yangtze's heavy load of sediment and its shifting floor of gravel will hamper the dam's turbines, fill the bottom of the reservoir and cause even worse flooding.

"The Three Gorges Project is not a hydro-electric engineering project. It is a political project exhibiting all the characteristics of a centrally controlled socialist economic system," said Dai Qing, a journalist and leading critic of the dam. Charging that the government has suppressed negative information about the project, Dai said, "There is no freedom to express opposition to this project in China."

Amid the controversy, one thing is certain: the dam is big. A mountain has been reduced to rubble to make way for ship locks. Workers look like ants from the nearby road as dump trucks rumble by, carrying rocky soil away.

Work on the dam has proceeded quickly, which critics say is an attempt by Li Peng to bring the project to a point of no return before his term expires next March. Now that the river has been blocked, project managers here say they are in another race: to build up the temporary dam and beat the spring rains.

Though construction started less than three years ago, the Three Gorges dam was proposed in 1919 by Nationalist leader Sun Yat-sen. In 1944, J.L. Savage, chief design engineer of the US Bureau of Reclamation, surveyed the area and drew up a dam proposal. More than 50 Chinese engineers and technicians were then sent to the US for training. The American involvement later inspired the 1956 John Hersey novel *A Single Pebble*, about the voyage up the Yangtze by a young American engineer seeking a dam site.

After the Communist takeover in 1949, Communist leader Mao Zedong supported the dam proposal. But economic disaster during Mao's Great Leap Forward and the tumultuous Cultural Revolution slowed plans for the dam.

During the 1980s, plans for the dam were revived. In 1992, Li Peng pushed it through the National People's Congress, although the proposal drew a record level of abstentions and dissenting votes.

Current project supporters argue that the dam would provide a vital source of energy. Its 26 turbines would generate enough electricity to offset annual consumption of 40 million to 50 million tons of coal, or the equivalent of 10 nuclear power stations the size of the China's Daya Bay plants or seven big coal thermal power stations.

Throughout the Communist era, the government has mooted dissenting views on the dam. In 1958, after Mao ended the brief liberal Hundred Flowers period, engineers who had criticized the Three Gorges Dam project were publicly condemned and sent to labor camps. During the spring of 1989, when student-led protesters rallied in Tiananmen Square, journalist Dai published *Yangtze, Yangtze*, a book of essays opposing the project. After the crackdown on protesters, Dai was jailed for 10 months and the book was banned.

Huang Wanli, 86, a professor emeritus at Qinghua University, was one of the engineers sent to a labor camp in 1958. Huang, a graduate of Cornell University in 1935 and the University of Illinois in 1937, says the project engineers have ignored the thick layers of gravel and sand on the river's bedrock and moving slowly downstream. When combined with the 540 million tons of silt suspended in the water every year, the gravel and sand will collect at the bottom of the reservoir and overwhelm any dredging effort, Huang said.

"The deposition of 100 million tons per year of cobble and gravel will certainly block Chongqing harbor, inundate the land upstream and, because of the suddenness of a large flood that transports excessive sediment, threaten great loss of life," said Huang, who favors the diversion of water to flood plains, the reinforcement of dikes and smaller hydropower projects on Yangtze tributaries.

Such outspokenness is unusual. "Many important people have kept silent about this highly politicized project because their positions in the Communist Party do not depend on merit but on how much they are favored by the leaders," said Dai.

One taboo: the floods of August 1975. The extent of the damage then remains a state secret. But Human Rights Watch/Asia discovered limited edition technical books and articles that suggest that tens of thousands of people died when 62 small and medium-sized dams collapsed in Henan Province. The collapse of the biggest, Banqiao Dam, unleashed a wall of water that sped down the surrounding valleys and obliterated communities.

Project officials here said Friday that past experiences and critiques have been studied and taken into account. And Saturday, the main theme was bursting pride. "This proves vividly once again that socialism is superior in being capable of concentrating resources to do big jobs," Jiang said.

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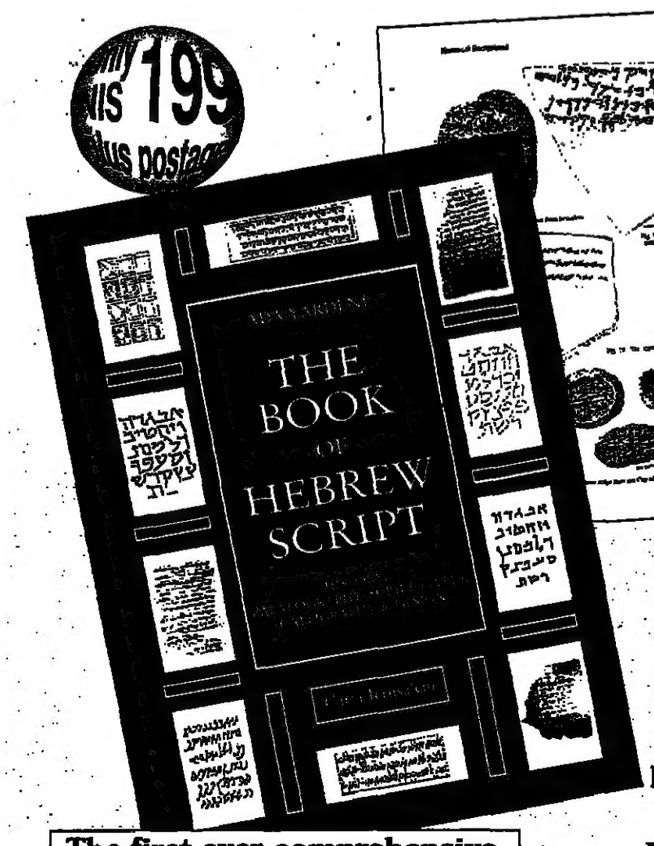

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Local Oscar nominations: 'Afula Express' leads the pack

By HELEN KAYE

The five top contenders among 14 entries in this year's Israel Film Academy Awards are *Afula Express* with 11 nominations, and *Mr. Baum*, *The Dybbuk*, and *The Milky Way*, with 10 each. *Minotaur* trails with six. And a film that has not been nominated for Best Picture, *There Are No Names on the Doors*, has five nominations including Best Actor, and Best Supporting Actor, and Actress.

The first three named above are neck and neck for the six big awards – Best Picture, Director, Actor/ress, Supporting actor/ress and Screenplay. Most of the nominated films haven't yet been screened, but Tel-Ad will attempt to show at least excerpts over the next two weeks.

For the first time in its eight-year history, the awards ceremony will not be at the Mann Auditorium but at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. They'll be broadcast live on November 19 from 9:15 p.m. on Channel 2.

There is NIS 300,000 worth of prizes (as well as the statuette) to be distributed among the winners in 16 categories.

Highlights of the evening, hosted by Gidi Gov, include the presentation of a Lifetime Achievement Award to actress Gila Almagor.

Assi Dayan's *Mr. Baum*, a black comedy about the last 92 minutes in the life of an importer of sunglasses, has already won Best Picture at the Haifa Film Festival. Dayan is also nominated for Best Director and Best Actor.

As well as the big six awards, *Afula Express* noses ahead with Yuval Shafrir nominated for Best Score in this gentle comedy about a boy from Afula who dreams of the big time as a magician.

For once in his career, multiple Academy Award winner Moshe Ivgi isn't nominated for anything in director Yossi Zomer's *The Dybbuk*, a contemporary version of the Anski classic set in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim quarter. The nominees are actress Ayelet Zorer, actor Yehezkel Lazerov, supporting actor Alon Dahan, and actress Orna Porat.

The Milky Way, a love story set in an Arab village in Galilee, gets a double nomination for Best Director and Screenplay for Ali Nasser, also the film's producer, as well as Best Actor, Supporting Actor and Actress for Suhel Hadad, Makram Khouri and Amal Morkos, respectively.

Minotaur, a psychological thriller about a Mossad agent and the woman of his dreams, doesn't seem to have had a director.

Never mind, veteran filmmaker Dan Turgeman is one of the producers, the lead and the scriptwriter, so he must have had some input. *Minotaur* makes up the rest of its nominations in categories such as Mili Avital for Best Actress and David Gurfinkel for Best Photography.

This year, for the first time, the television awards will be divided between dramas and dramatic series. The five shortlisted from the 21 submitted are: *Marzipan Lady*, *My Eyes*, *Shuli's Guy*, *Line 300* and *Galilee Song*. Eleven series were in contention, with *A Detective in Jerusalem*, *Bat Yam – New York*, *The Yarkon Sector*, *Hafuch* and *Florentine* making the top five. The top five of the 48 documentaries entered are: *Emil Habibi: I Stayed in Haifa*, *Jenny and Jenny*, *Mother's First Olympics*, *Out to Find Love ... Back Soon*, and *Sane, Not Sane....*

This year is also the first time that the contestants in each category have been shortlisted.

The awards are sponsored by, among others, Tel-Ad, the Tel Aviv Municipality, and the Ministry of Education and Sport.

Dorit Ley Ari is nominated for Best Supporting Actress for 'There Are No Names on the Doors.'

Film industry finances

"Actually," says Academy member and film journalist Shlomo Papirblat acidly, "the best film of the year is a horror movie called *Natan's Ax*." He means Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky, who "has worked with might and main this whole year to distance his office from the film industry and has done us incalculable harm."

It is no secret that the Israeli film industry is seriously underfunded. A program to create a $50 million revolving venture capital film fund fell by the wayside as a result of the Likud victory in the 1996 elections. Academy head Israel Ringel says, "We will continue to push for the passage of the Film Law, which will include funds from the proceeds of the national lottery."

Meanwhile, said Academy board member Yossi Oren, Trade and Industry's NIS 6-7m. which went to the Quality Film Board, was picked up by the Education Ministry, "but only about 50 percent of the promised funds have arrived, which means that about seven projects are held up. We'll see the results next year."

– *H.K.*

The Magic of Feuermann

CLASSIC DISCS

By Michael Abramstadt

Emanuel Feuermann (1902-1942) is one of the finest cellists of all time and his disc on the Magic Talent label (CD 48025) is a pure delight, revealing his warmth of tone and versatility as a musician. This one-hour disc features recordings of miniature cello pieces recorded between 1927 and 1939. There are some very well-known pieces like the Schumann *Träumerei* or Bach's *Ave Maria* and Rimsky-Korsakov's Hindu song from *Sadko*, as well as a delightful Spanish dance by Granados and works by Giordani, Valensin, Cui and others. In many of these short works, Feuermann is accompanied by Michael Taube, who for many years was a regular conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

His rendition of the Brahms first cello sonata is one of the more evocative recordings of the sonata I have heard in a long time – deep, mature, exhilarating and, most important, sincere.

Feuermann, who was born in Galicia, studied the cello with his father and made his recital debut in Vienna in 1912.

His official debut with the Vienna Philharmonic came in February 1914, playing the Haydn cello concerto under Felix Weingartner.

At 16, he was appointed to the faculty of the Gurzenich Conservatory in Cologne, where he was the first cellist in the orchestra as well as a member of the Bram Eldering Quartet. A typical review from the time praises his "unlimited technique ... the intensity if his timbre ... in turn warmly dreaming and ecstatically temperamental."

He began recording in 1925 and ultimately made close to 80 records. He was forced to leave Germany once the Nazis came to power.

Feuermann had very specific ideas about music in general. He once said, when asked about talent, that "as in driving a car, so much has to be done at the same time that it seems impossible that it could ever be done mechanically, without deliberating about each movement beforehand.

"What is talent – desire to make sounds? Desire to create something beautiful? Vanity? A longing for something inexpressible? The fingers? The powers of concentration? Talent is composed of many talents and is dependent on fate. One likes serious music, another likes lighter music; one likes classical, the other modern.

"Speaking of the purely physical aspects, one may have a better left hand, the other a better right; one may have faster fingers, yet many have difficulties with trills; and staccato and spiccato are accomplished differently by each player."

"The greater the talent, the greater the number of these qualifications the performer will be able to accumulate."

The heart and the soul of Shlomo Carlebach

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

On Sunday, Shlomo Carlebach devotees around the world will commemorate the third anniversary of the death of the singing rabbi who was one of the great pioneers of Jewish outreach.

The date will also coincide with the US release of his last album, *Haneshama shel Shlomo*, featuring 13 of his best-known melodies recorded with his elder daughter, Neshama. The disc is due for local release soon. Had it not been for a drawn-out legal wrangle, it would have been released much sooner. But it took two years of litigation before Neshama was able to get the tape from the recording technician.

It was just one of many nightmares which she, her sister Dari, and their mother Neila experienced in their relationships with some of Shlomo Carlebach's followers.

"Because I'm Shlomo's daughter, some religious men feel they have the right to take advantage of me," Neshama told *The Jerusalem Post*. "If I was Shlomo's son, it would be different. Even his *hevra* think they have more rights to my father than his legal heirs do."

There was no contradiction from her fiancé, Daniel Richman, whose parents became Carlebach followers before they were married. A science student at York University, Richman, who spent much of his childhood at Meor Modi'im, the moshav founded by Shlomo Carlebach, has known Neshama all her life and is only too familiar with the battle which she and her family are waging against those who seek to profit from tapes and notes they made of her father's singing and teaching.

Neshama's singing style is a synthesis of Jewish and universal soul music. Her body language runs the gamut from dreamy to sultry and provocative.

"My father was a whole religious experience," she explained. "For me it's not so much that because I'm a performer. I feel my father was limited because he was a rabbi. He didn't perform for the sake of performing but to get his rabbinical message across."

At 22 years of age, Neshama Carlebach has the poise and professionalism of a seasoned trouper. She deliberately chose the double meaning title for the album. Her name means "soul" in Hebrew, so the title can be interpreted either as "Shlomo's daughter" (Neshama) or "the Soul of Shlomo."

Neshama Carlebach's new disc features 13 of her father's most famous melodies.

(Sarit Uziely)

Neshama has given scores of performances in Canada where she lives, the United States, Europe and Israel.

When she came here from Poland in mid-May, after having been the song leader for the March of the Living, she had no concert plans. But when word got out that she was in the country, she was snapped up by Israel Television, the Pargod Theater, and several other outlets. There wasn't enough time during the month that she was here to take advantage of all the radio, television and concert offers she received.

In Poland she taught her group the *Cracow Niggun*, written by her father. "I taught it to them in the Alte Schul. It was the best experience in my life."

Career-wise, her first love was acting. A humanities student at York University in Toronto, she spent her first two years there studying acting and theater. Her first public appearance as a singer was in Arizona when she was 15. She had been studying singing for two years but had always been shy about performing in front of her father. When she finally mustered the courage, he was enchanted. While giving a concert in Arizona, he announced to the audience that Neshama would also sing. After that, they frequently sang together. Two weeks before he died, they recorded the album which the family has labored so hard to produce.

Has the fact that she's Shlomo Carlebach's daughter been a help or a hindrance to her career?

"No one has ever asked me that," she said. "I'll have to think about it."

She wouldn't have had the same passion for his music if it wasn't her father's, she conceded. "I think I would have stayed in acting. My calling is different than his." But the fact that she immersed herself in perpetuating his music helped her to cope with his death. "It's been a mourning experience but it's also been therapeutic." The mission which she took upon herself has given her new insights, inspiring her to think about how she can bring holiness to what she's doing.

Her immediate ambition is to adapt her father's songs into English – "but I don't know if it will work. I've been talking to a lot of people in America and they say if only it was in English, it would be more accessible." She's not sure that she would translate the lyrics, which are all taken from holy texts. She might create new lyrics which would retain the spirit of the original but would go over better in English than a translation. She has already added some English songs by Seth Glass to her repertoire and is very enthusiastic about them.

As important as it is to her to continue singing her father's songs, she understands that sooner or later she has to find her own path. Glass is a significant stepping stone in that direction.

While her father had limitations as a rabbi, Neshama has limitations as a woman. Many Orthodox men who observe the prohibition against listening to a woman singing will not attend her concerts. But she received the approval of Rabbi Mordechai Tendler, the grandson of the great halachic authority Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, to sing in front of men. Tendler, a noted authority in his own right, has been her spiritual mentor since her father died.

"Some men with *shtreimlech* come to listen to me sing," she said. "They say they come to my concerts because I move them. *Kol isha* is not a law but a custom."

Soft-spoken and affectionate like her father, Neshama is more determined and manages to get her own way without raising her voice. During her last visit here, at an ITV recording session for *This Month*, she asked for a sound monitor because she couldn't hear herself. The television crew tried to talk her out of it. She didn't throw any tantrums; she didn't scream or shout; she just asked again and explained that she wouldn't be able to do her best if they couldn't accommodate her. They did. She gave a better performance than she had without the monitor and they applauded her.

Although she has broken some Orthodox taboos, Neshama does not class herself as an Orthodox feminist. "I'm very much into equality, not necessarily feminism," she explained.

The release of *Haneshama shel Shlomo* is a milestone for Neshama in that it marks "the end of an era." It is an important tribute to her father, and it means that she can now start concentrating on her own career and her own needs.

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Dancing to the same tune

No one seems particularly worried by the all-singing and dancing visit of Russian President Boris Yeltsin to President Jiang Zemin in China. Quite the contrary – now that the racist old ghosts of red menace and yellow peril have been laid to rest, the solution of the long-standing border conflict between Russia and China removes one more niggling danger point from a world that's dangerous enough, even without a Cold War. Both leaders deserve praise and congratulations for declaring their frontier problems over, the first such declaration since their sporadic border wars, often fought on river ice floes, in the 1960s.

The dispute was supposed to have been settled by a 1991 agreement. In this both sides actually mapped out the whole 4,300 km of frontier for the first time in the hundreds of years they have fought over its complex meanderings. The accord was loudly trumpeted at the time as historic and final, but has been tied up in legalistic wrangles and sniping ever since. The joint declaration of this week's summit – only their fifth, surprisingly enough – has laid the matter to rest at long last, say the leaders. The rest of the world fervently hopes so, this time.

On a more practical level, the two giant countries have agreed to try improving their extraordinarily low level of trade via a $12 billion pipeline to bring gas from Siberia to China. For Jiang, the Russian's visit is his second foreign policy coup in as many weeks, following up his "strategic cooperation" agreement with the United Sates with these "constructive cooperation" accords with Moscow.

Yeltsin's motivation for going to China is more complicated and is undoubtedly tied to his developing ideas of replacing the former bipolar world of East-West domination with a multilateral one. The aim of this, of course, is to undermine the status of the US as the only superpower and, in Russian eyes, the self-styled leader of the world.

Coming so soon after Jiang's important visit to Washington, the trip (although undoubtedly planned long ago) seemed almost designed to make it clear Russian will muscle in on any double-act power play by President Bill Clinton. This is not necessarily done in any unfriendly fashion – it is rather a continuing affirmation that Russia remains an important country. Russia, too, has missed out somewhat in the fast-moving economic developments of the Asian region and Yeltsin is quite right in suggesting that Russia deserves a bigger role there. His trip to China came a week after Japan's Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto traveled to meet Yeltsin in Siberia.

Russians at home, however, seem weary of big-power politics and the pretensions that go with them. Most media commentators were unimpressed by the bear hugs, off-key singing, and chatter about the grandchildren the two presidents shared, but zeroed in on the stagnant bilateral trade between these two neighbors.

The total trade of $7 billion between these two giants with their huge populations cannot be described as anything but lamentable. Several hundred existing, but mainly unimplemented, agreements were supposed to hoist this volume to a still-modest $20 billion by the end of the decade. (Chinese trade with Japan is around $60b. a year and with the US around $50b.) Though grievances were not aired publicly, Russians also resent some restrictive Chinese trade practices, which keep out many Russian exports.

Behind all the supposedly concrete political, strategic, and economic agreements, the two powers that physically dominate so much of the globe remain paper tigers – long on documents and short on implementation. The gas-pipeline project will be the first serious test of solid progress between Moscow and Beijing. Under the plan – still a draft merely initialled by the principals – Siberian gas would flow to China's east coast and on to South Korea and Japan for an initial 30 years.

Russia needs a success story on the Chinese economic front. It was recently humiliated by failing to win an key international tender to supply the generators for the colossal Three Gorges Dam project on the Yangtze River. Russian officials offer no excuses as to why they fail in helping to supply China's great development programs – Russian companies simply lack modern professionalism in dealing with the Chinese, whom they have long considered backward. Now it is Russia that looks backward and loses the juicy contracts China is awarding.

It was clear the dismal economic situation would not go away as Yeltsin yesterday took his bandwagon to the industrialized city of Harbin, with the declared intention of jump-starting moribund cross-border trade. Lively and diverse trade was for centuries the plus side of the Russia-China border wrangles, from the Silk Route in the South to the diverse back-and-forth buying and selling of the North. Crushed by latter day tariffs, taxes, and bureaucracy, it stands at a measly billion dollars a year. Yeltsin said he is "very happy" economic ties are getting better with China. His happiness seems to everyone else both premature and exaggerated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNFAIR DUTY

Sir, – As far as I know ambulances are not required to pay duty when sent to Israel, but this is apparently not the case with ambulances for animals. My friend Dr. Murry J. Cohen writes me from Annandale, Virginia in the US that after he, and his wife Mrs. Nina Natelson collected money for the purchase and equipment of an animal ambulance, Israel's Customs and Excise require him to pay $40,000 in duty before it can enter Israel.

It seems to me grossly unfair that animals should suffer and die on the streets of Israel because of the misplaced zeal of a customs official. If any reader can suggest a solution, he or she are welcome to send Dr. Cohen a fax at (703) 941-6132 in the US.

SOLVIEG WAGNER

Dronninglund, Denmark.

RIGHTIST VIOLENCE

Sir, – I agree with the first part of Larry Derfner's article "Blame the victim," (November 6). Israeli history certainly is characterized by some on the Right victimizing the Left.

However, the suggestion that the Left is somehow responsible for the incitement against it by speaking out peacefully is cynical.

It recalls Binyamin Netanyahu's charges of incitement in response to the Left's protest against his telling Rabbi Kadouri that we have forgotten what it is to be Jews.

If we do not protest peacefully, what other options are left to us? Should we silently let the Right continue to trample all over us, or does Derfner suggest that we should follow the Right's violent lead?

JENNIFER PATON

Ramat Gan.

NEGATIVE ATTITUDE

Sir, – American Jews are shifting toward a negative attitude toward Israel. This has been confirmed by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, reporting that American Jewish attitudes about financial support for Israel are undergoing major shifts.

Funds for Israel are already being diverted to local Jewish institutions in America. This is in no way considered to be retribution or vengeance.

They simply do not believe Israel is a worthwhile cause anymore.

The American Jew even stands accused of not being a Jew, or at least not being Jewish enough in and for Israel. Israelis can stew in this paradoxical situation they themselves have created.

Israel has forgotten that it was due to these (Diaspora) Jews that the War of Independence was won and the state established.

SAMUEL BOSHES

Tel Aviv.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 12, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that two Arabs were killed and five were wounded by the bomb which exploded in their midst behind the National Bus Company offices in Jerusalem. A curfew was imposed on the city. The body of an Arab was found near Sanhedria.

50 years ago: On November 12, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that plans for an all-out drive to raise half-a-million pounds for security before December 31, 1947, were outlined at the Va'ad Leumi meeting in Jerusalem. Gershon Agron, the founder and editor of *The Palestine Post*, gave a brief report on the proceedings at Lake Success, and said that Arab strategy aimed to destroy the Partition Plan because the Arabs despaired of having their own plan accepted.

Claiming that the recent bombing of its press by political opponents showed that "the Arabs of Palestine had no choice but to ask the Arab States to protect them from themselves," the Jaffa weekly *Nid el-Ard* reappeared for the first time since the attack on its building. Black borders framed its front page in "mourning for the freedom in our country."

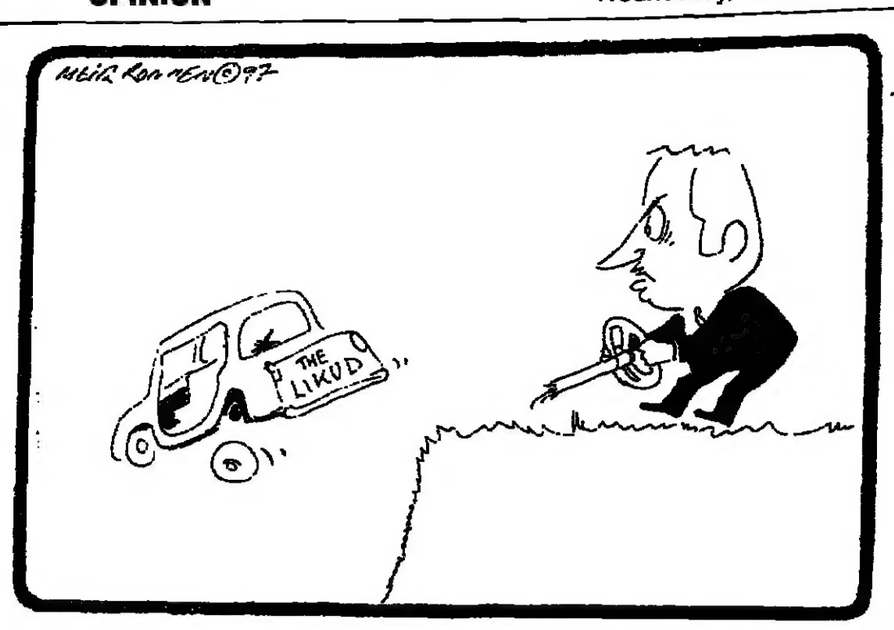
25 years ago: On November 12, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported a massive postal alert throughout Britain following the discovery of 15 letter bombs. Vivian Pins, 50, a Jewish diamond broker, was injured when he opened a letter which had been sent from India. Death letters from Black September were sent from Delhi and Bombay to Jewish individuals and companies in Britain.

Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Hofi, Commanding Officer Northern Command, said that the IDF had a new policy in the northern sector of hitting Syrian army positions and not just terrorist bases. Arab political observers expressed the opinion that the US would exert pressure on Israel in a bid to bring about a breakthrough in the Middle East stalemate.

Two Israeli civilians were wounded at Nablus when an explosive charge ripped through their car there. A curfew was imposed on the area.

Prime Minister Golda Meir described France's policy of delivering Mirage warplanes to Libya as "incomprehensible."

Alexander Zvielli



The Qatar boycott

MOSHE ZAK

Shortly before he died, Sir Isaiah Berlin jokingly said in an interview with the London journal *Prospect*, "I try not to read things I agree with, because they bore me."

There are not many people like him. Others like to hear the same things twice or three times, as we saw last week in rallies, conferences, lectures, speeches, statements and radio and television interviews. The commotion surrounding the old subjects obscures the new trend in the Middle Eastern power struggle and the choice now facing the Arab world: plans for economic development, which will be the focus of the conference in Qatar next week, and Islamic unity, which will be the keyword of the congress in Teheran next month.

The American administration has accepted the excuses of certain Arab leaders who made their participation in the Qatar conference conditional on Israeli concessions to the Palestinians. This narrow perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict ignores the true motives impelling Arab leaders to prefer Teheran over Qatar, in spite of the hatred and tension that have characterized relations between the Arab countries and the Islamic republic in Iran.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was even quoted as saying that if the Qatar congress fails, it will be Binyamin Netanyahu's fault for not having made gestures to the Palestinians that could have influenced the Arab countries in attendance at Doha. This half-baked claim is intended as a signal to Netanyahu before their meeting in London on Friday.

In fact neither the delay in the execution of the second stage of the IDF withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, as demanded by the Palestinians, nor the time-out in settlement construction called for by all of the Arabs, is the reason for the minimal Arab participation in the conference.

The reason can be found in the attempt by Moslem countries in the region to fill the vacuum left by the Soviet Union since its dissolution. Iran, like Iraq, is attempting to take Russia's place as a counter-balance to American supremacy in this area. Before the invasion of Kuwait, Saddam Hussein urged the Arab countries to unite against US domination, so that it could not dictate oil prices

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in the future. But while Iraq justifies itself in terms of a war against economic domination, Iran emphasizes the ideological motive of the "war against Satan."

THE tendency in Arab countries is to prefer the rhetoric of Islamic fundamentalism expected at the Teheran gathering to the economic benefits likely to stem from the Qatar conference. This is because they suffer from Islamic fundamentalist terrorism and they imagine that appeasing Iran, the paymaster of Islamic terrorism in Arab countries, is likely to curb this threat. The Saudi foreign minister announced his government's decision after meeting his Iranian counterpart who visited Jedda on Monday.

If the Arab leaders felt that courting Iran and preferring Teheran to Qatar was liable to harm them economically; to be precise, to endanger the economic aid they receive from the US, they might think twice before provoking President Clinton by capsizing the economic conference that the Americans initiated. But for some reason they are confident that the US will turn the other cheek, and not reduce the generous aid it provides them.

Saddam Hussein's challenge to American domination in the region, rather than Israel's refusal to perform immediately the second redeployment, is the motive behind the Arab countries' demonstration of independence from the US.

They have proved this in two ways:

In spite of American pleas, the Arab countries have not given up their demand for an emergency session of the UN General Assembly to discuss Israeli settlements in Judea and Samaria and Israel's construction work at Har Homa in Jerusalem.

Secondly, although they know that the success of the Qatar conference is a test of American prestige, they have mostly criticized it and declared a boycott.

It is not clear whether the full boycott will last until the conference's opening date. But the Arab euphoria at saying "No" to the Americans accelerates both their statements and their demands.

In fact, the immediate execution of the second redeployment will interfere with progress in the negotiations on the permanent settlement with the Palestinians, negotiations recommended by Henry Kissinger this week. Israel's bargaining power for a territorial compromise on the lines of the Allon plan will be reduced after most of the territories are in Palestinian hands following the second redeployment. In the final analysis the essence of the negotiations is achieving peace, not ensuring withdrawal.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post *columnist.*

What words mean

RUTHIE BLUM

The consensus among Left, Right and Center these days is that words can kill. Language, we believe, is a powerful tool at best, and a dangerous weapon at worst. As such, word-usage should be weighed and monitored by all. Particularly those of us for whom the pen or the platform provide our livelihood.

In this context, a word couplet which has become an integral part of our collective vocabulary deserves special attention: "peace process." This is the idiom commonly used to refer to, to be synonymous with, and to define the Oslo Accords.

The sentiment that the bullet which killed Israel's prime minister two years ago should not be allowed to kill the peace process inspired an estimated 200,000 mourners to swarm to the rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday night. High above the mass of heads, "Save the Peace" banners waved alongside posters of the murdered premier. From the podium, Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak promised not to "let the peace fire die." From the same podium, former prime minister Shimon Peres promised not to "cease telling the people that peace is possible..."

Now, as far as terminology goes, to say that a bullet killed Yitzhak Rabin is accurate. This is why Yigal Amir – the man who fired the shot – will spend the rest of his life in prison. But to bemoan a waning peace process is to embrace a misnomer. For, calling the Oslo Accords a "peace process" is like calling the signing of a ketuba a "love process." The latter may or may not have begun prior to the former, and may or may not evolve subsequent to it. The former is part of the process – the part which seals the deal – but is not inherent in the latter.

The Oslo Accords, like weddings, are contractual agreements. That they were signed by two parties tells us nothing more about

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the nature of the process than a wedding band reveals about the nature of a couple's marriage.

Peace, as defined by another assassinated leader, John F. Kennedy, is "a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures." Not a Merriam-Webster formulation, perhaps, but one which few Israelis would dispute.

Whether it would be disputed by Palestinians is unclear. What is certain is that it bears no resemblance whatsoever to the *Palestinian Authority's definition* of the Oslo Accords.

In an interview which appeared in the PA weekly *Al-Bilad* last Thursday, PA Legislative Council member Jamal Shati described the Accords as follows: "...the Oslo agreement is not a Palestinian choice and not a historic reconciliation between the Palestinian people and the Israeli occupation... I view [it] as a stage that was forced on us... The Palestinian people accepted it as a stage toward the fulfillment of the Palestinian national plan which is expressed in the [right of] return, self-determination and the establishment of a Palestinian state with its capital in Jerusalem..."

SO maybe lexicography wasn't Kennedy's forte. But no thesaurus I can think of would classify the following statement – made by Arafat to a group of Arab diplomats in Stockholm two years after signing the Oslo Accords – as having the same meaning as "peace process":

"You understand that we plan to eliminate the State of Israel and establish a purely Palestinian state. Jews will not want to live among us Arabs... I have no use for Jews... We now need all the help we can get from you in our battle for a united Palestine under total Arab-Moslem domination!"

Linguistically speaking, those of us weeping at the prospect of a dead peace process can put away the tissues. Something which was never alive cannot die, any more than love which never existed can be lost.

If words can kill, they most surely can mislead. Instead of spending so much national energy engaging in hair-splitting debates over the meaning of such words as "incitement" and "unity," we would do well to note the unambiguous language being used by the cosigners of the contract we've spent the last four years cloaking in euphemism.

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How to stop car theft

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One of the ways the powers-that-be prefer to shun responsibility is to say that the law needs amending. At any rate, this was one of the arguments used by the police to explain the outrageous and constant growth of car thefts, during a Knesset discussion of the possibility of further law changes.

I am willing to bet that the people present at that discussion didn't really know what the present law, related to this area of criminal activity, actually is. If they did, they would have soon realized that changing the law is not the central issue in fighting this blossoming industry.

Car theft as an established industry is not new. It already reached staggering proportions in 1988 and 1989. In 1990, I managed to push through a piece of novel legislation in the penal code specifically attacking this unlawful industry – amendment 28.

This amendment deals with each and every aspect of the industry, right down to the people who make it their business to sell stolen cars or spare parts. The punishment is 10 years imprisonment. No one who has anything to do with car theft – forging the vehicle's identification marks, forging ownership documents or dissembling the vehicle – can escape from this special law.

The law embraces every offender and the elements of each offense is defined in a way that the prosecution will not have a hard time in proving its case. The severity of the punishment is significant indeed. There can be no doubt as to what the legislation sought to achieve: To give the police, the prosecution and the courts a legal tool with which they can effectively fight the car-theft industry.

However, this industry is flourishing and prospering. Not because the law is weak, but because its implementation is poor.

With NIS 2 billion worth of damage and 45,000 stolen cars in the current year, it is also an economic problem. But it goes beyond that. It is not merely a menace to our property. It defies the very concept of our right to own property, as we stand completely helpless before the criminals.

It is also a sign that our current

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relations with the Palestinian Authority are founded on rotten ground since the PA regards the stealing of our property a matter of merriment and valor. And let us make no mistake about it, we are partners in helping this industry mushroom to what it is today. Instead of fighting it with full force, some of us, including government officials, like to say that everyone benefits from car theft.

On top of it all, we even cast a shade of legitimacy to the crime. Some car owners go to specific locations controlled by the PA in order to negotiate the redemption of their stolen car.

ALL this can be changed, not through escapism and excuses, but through direct action. First of all, we have to push the war against this growing crime a little higher on our list of national priorities and force the government to assume responsibility.

The first and most important line of action is more effective law enforcement. Even with its existing manpower the police can do much more than it has done. They need to deploy more policemen at the scene of the potential crime – not with their blue lights flashing but on undercover patrols and in ambushes. They should put temporary road blocks on some of the routes which are used to move the stolen property inside and outside the country. There should also be a direct and answerable telephone line from citizens to the police stations so that car theft can be reported on line.

The prosecution has to perform its duty and indict criminals forthwith. It also has to press the courts and demand the full punishment as written in the law – five years imprisonment for the thieves and 10 years for the people who are engaged in the industry as if it were their business.

The courts must also change their attitude. A professional car thief, caught on a repeated offense, must be remanded until the end of the proceedings, as he constitutes a real threat to public safety. The courts should also level punishment commensurate to the severity of the crime. We need to uproot this organized crime and the only way of achieving that is by strengthening the deterrent power.

Better law enforcement will not be enough. Much of the problem lies in our relations with the PA. But why should we blame them? Our government itself made this issue of stolen cars making their way to PA-controlled areas a matter of secondary importance. This has to be changed. We have the full moral and legal right not to transfer them tax money collected here as long as they encourage the stealing of our property. I believe this kind of an argument would be understood in Western countries if we believed in it.

There is another alternative – not to do much more than what we are doing today. To witness in three years' time the theft of 70,000 vehicles and to talk again about the need to change the law.

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Taking our own pulse

Have we learned any lessons since the murder of Yitzhak Rabin? Allison Kaplan Sommer speaks to leading intellectuals and emerges with a discouraging picture

It seems as if it is becoming an annual ritual. The anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's death is beginning to evolve into an occasion to take the pulse of our national and spiritual life, to examine relations between Left and Right, religious and secular, look at the ways in which opposing camps treat one another, and, inevitably, look in the mirror as a nation and ask ourselves whether it could ever happen again.

In the weeks following the prime minister's assassination in 1995, there were calls on all sides for a *heshbon nefesh*, a soul-searching.

We knew we needed to ask ourselves how we arrived at a situation in which a Jewish Zionist could end the life of the leader of the Jewish state. And, perhaps more importantly, we needed to analyze what should be done on a public, political and educational level to prevent such violence from occurring in the future.

Has such a process occurred? The view from intellectual circles is pessimistic. Even those who observe superficial changes in Israeli society, question whether fundamental attitudes have truly changed.

Moshe Lissak, Hebrew University professor of sociology and an Israel Prize winner, drew encouragement from the mourning rituals in the wake of the Rabin assassination: the gatherings in public squares, the candle-lightings, and graffiti.

In 1995 he said hopefully that "I see such rituals as medicine for the long-term future, an injection that could heal our sick political system. It is possible that just as doctors can give pills against pain, the images of this week can stabilize the patient – our nation – as it tries to recover from what it has experienced."

Speaking today, Lissak says that "anybody who believes that a true soul-searching has occurred will be sorely disappointed." In his opinion, the beliefs of the far Right have not changed and the potential for violence still exists.

A survey, whose release was timed just before the anniversary of Rabin's death, found that 27 percent of religious youth questioned justified Yigal Amir's act.

One doesn't have to read a survey to realize that the murder of Rabin and the subsequent election of Binyamin Netanyahu forever "changed the political map in Israel; those who believed that you can change through murder received encouragement," asserts Lissak.

On a brighter note, he believes that there has been an improvement in the tone of public and political dialogue over the past two years.

"To an extent, the general tone in the rhetoric of the major parties is different than before the assassination. I would say the dialogue doesn't have the crude and extreme tone than it had before. One can say that the murder was a turning point; after Rabin's assassination, every utterance is examined to see if it can be interpreted as incitement to physical violence."

Still, Lissak says, it is doubtful whether this rhetorical change represents a true moderation of views.

"The truth is that it's very hard to know if there is a real change in the rhetoric of the Right wing, because the Labor Party is not in power making large-scale territorial concessions for peace. That would have been the real test; and will be if it ever occurs."

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– Prof. Moshe Lissak, Hebrew University

Dr. Charles Liebman, who teaches religion and politics at Bar-Ilan University, believes that the 1996 election interrupted any serious soul-searching process that had been taking place among the religious Right.

"Had the Left wing won the 1996 elections, it would have deepened the crisis that was brewing within religious Zionism regarding the Greater Land of Israel; the issue would have come to a head and had positive consequences," he maintains.

"Overall, I think that things are back exactly to where they were," he says. "It appears to me the assassination had no impact in terms of changing Israeli society. That's the way it seems to me. It's quite remarkable and very disappointing.

"The only real serious soul-searching that I can see," continues Liebman, "went on in a very small segment of the religious camp – the left-wing dovish religious Zionists. I think that in this very tiny wing, there was a feeling that in some broad way the religious Zionists bore some responsibility for the murder, because of the careless talk labeling Rabin a traitor. What it has led to is a far greater openness and willingness of the dovish camp to speak out on religious-political issues, to make their voice heard."

The Left is partially responsible for preventing a true self-examination among the religious Right, Liebman charges. "Arguably, the attacks by the Left blaming the religious for the murder of Rabin served, more than anything, to consolidate the defensive position of the religious camp and closed off any soul-searching on their part.

'We shall not forget.': Saturday's mass rally in Tel Aviv marking two years since the assassination. (AP)

Attacks by the Left in the wake of the assassination didn't help, they set the process back."

Rabbi Mordechai Elon, principal of Jerusalem's Horev Yeshiva High School, says that in the immediate aftermath of the Rabin assassination, the event was "used as a cynical political tool."

During the year following the assassination, Elon expressed deep concern for the future of Jewish unity, noting the event deepened the rifts between Right and Left, religious and secular. Following the murder in 1995, he said that "we have here two nations, two completely different types of young people who experience life in completely opposite ways. One group simply doesn't comprehend the other, and this is eating away at the nation."

A year after the assassination, Elon made a plea for unity in an interview in *The Jerusalem Post*: "We have to force ourselves to understand that it's not the opposing political view which endangers us," he said at the time. "We have to see that we are faced with one existential threat alone: the unity of Israel."

And what does he think two years after the event? Elon believes that there are two answers to the question of whether the assassination has led to increased or decreased unity.

"I make a sharp distinction between the people and the politicians. The public is much more advanced than its leaders. I think the unity and awareness of the need for unity among the Jewish people has increased over the past two years, but this has not occurred in our leadership. It is too important to them that we remain divided, in camps, and their rhetoric promotes this. The ideological differences between Barak and Bibi are much smaller than those that existed between Shamir and Rabin, but the style is much more confrontational and much more worrisome."

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Prof. Yaron Ezrahi of the Israeli Democracy Institute doesn't buy Elon's theory. "Blaming the politicians is an automatic response, but I don't think it applies," he says, characterizing the splits in Israeli society as "deep and many-layered," far more so than they were two years ago.

Furthermore, continued verbal attacks on the legitimacy of the Supreme Court and violence such as the recent burning of the "Peace Generation" (Dor Shalom) headquarters, demonstrate that "the hard religious core which supported the assassination has learned nothing," says Ezrahi.

He believes that secular Israelis are becoming increasingly aware of the dangers of mixing religion and politics.

But, he adds, any attempt by secular Israelis to discuss the attitudes that led to the assassination "are commonly construed by religious sectors as attacks on them. Their defensiveness makes it difficult for the society as a whole to face the past and realize that the assassination was a threat to every form of Jewish solidarity in this country."

He believes that in the national religious camp, only a small group of Orthodox intellectuals have engaged in any real soul-searching.

"It has been very very impressive, but the influence on the masses ... has been sorely lacking," he says.

"The most serious failure," continues Ezrahi, "and this is startling and disturbing, is the fault of Minister of Education Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party. In his term all he has come up with is deciding to strengthen Jewish education with his 'Education for Values' program, but this is not even remotely complemented by education for democratic values. That democratic education in the religious sector is in such a dismal state is a failure which is disturbing and unforgivable."

Prof. Shalom Rosenberg, of the Hebrew University's Jewish philosophy department, is less condemnatory. He believes that there is a new cautiousness in the national religious camp since the Rabin assassination and a willingness to monitor itself. "I think the national religious understood the problem, they understood they have to be careful, to monitor their extremism. That doesn't mean that the extreme fringe doesn't exist. But the mainstream is more aware of the dangers and tries to guard against them."

Rosenberg stresses that those who are focusing on the tone of the political debate are missing the point. "The Left says some terrible things very elegantly.

"The Israeli theater and art world is full of rude attacks against Zionism, against the Jewish religion, said very beautifully and nicely. The people who work in the market who don't speak that intellectual language, say generally right-wing things in a much more crude manner. You can call someone a Nazi in a nice way or a crude way. That is not what is important."

As for the Left's charge that the religious Right has been unaffected by the assassination, Rosenberg says: "If the Left believed that by searching their souls the religious Right were going to fundamentally change, they were mistaken.

"*Heshbon nefesh* does not mean abandoning one's political beliefs and it does not mean abandoning one religious beliefs, either."

What went wrong at Bar-Ilan University?

Dr. Menahem Klein argues that the university has been blamed for the wrong reasons. It didn't produce Yigal Amir. But it didn't offer a strong enough alternative to counter his warped ideology, Abraham Rabinovich reports

The shots fired by Yigal Amir two years ago changed the image of Bar-Ilan University overnight for many from a respectable institution of higher learning to a fundamentalist swamp, nurturing murderous fanatics with kippot.

Dr. Menahem Klein, a faculty member who undertook to write a book about Bar-Ilan in the wake of the Rabin assassination, believes that the university, founded by the national religious movement, has been blamed for the wrong reasons. It was not its ideological influence that can be faulted, he says, but the fact that it offered virtually no ideological influence to offset that brought in by students coming from nationalist yeshivot.

"Unfortunately, the university had stopped serving as a model for the national religious sector which it once was," said Klein, who teaches Palestinian politics, in an interview this week. "It is the nationalist yeshivot which create the values adopted by this national-religious subgroup. Any rabbi in a third-league yeshiva has more influence than a Bar-Ilan professor. The university failed to build a wall between itself and that society."

The story of Bar-Ilan reflects the dramatically changed nature of Israel's national-religious camp since the Six Day War. Founded in the mid-1950s, the university was seen as part of modern Orthodoxy's wholesome integration into the state, along with other symbols like Orthodox kibbutzim and Orthodox paratroopers. In his book published this week, *Bar-Ilan: University Between Religion and Politics* (Magnes Press), Klein notes that the university's founders made a critical decision not to follow the pattern of Yeshiva University in New York but instead followed that of Catholic universities in the US like Notre Dame.

The former was a university set up alongside a yeshiva in order to provide instruction in medicine and other secular areas while Jewish studies were confined to the yeshiva itself. The Catholic universities in the US, says Klein, in order to achieve broad academic recognition, went through a process which led them by the 1950s to minimize or altogether neglect religious studies.

"The founders of Bar-Ilan didn't want to build a yeshiva and alongside it a university," explains Klein. "But they faced an identity crisis. In what way would they be a religious university?"

The university could not ignore Darwinism, for instance, but it did find certain narrow areas in which to distinguish itself from other universities as a religiously oriented institution. To avoid confrontation with nudity that a fine-arts department would engender, for instance, it confines itself to a department of Jewish art. It does not offer a course in Bible studies in order to avoid flagrant challenges of biblical criticism, but it does permit this indirectly in archeology and history courses.

All teachers, including secular teachers, are obliged to wear kippot in the classroom and only religious students are offered places in campus dorms. Religious social activities are encouraged, including Shabbat get-togethers.

In the 1970s, in the wake of the proliferation of yeshivot in the country, a kollel was set up on campus in which students can study Talmud in the morning. For this they receive a stipend which helps offset the cost of their secular studies in the afternoon. Amir was a member of the kollel.

Despite all this, however, the religious nature of Bar-Ilan's student body over the years has in fact sharply declined. In its early years, 80 to 90 percent of Bar-Ilan's students were religious. Today, says Klein, only 30 to 40 percent are estimated to be religious. The university's policy, he said, is to seek a 50-50 Orthodox-secular balance. Since university rules forbid asking a student the degree of his religiosity, the administration attempts to achieve this balance by drawing on sufficient students from religious high schools to fill this quota. However, says Klein, many graduates of religious high schools have turned secular by the time they reach the university's gates after passing through the army. In addition, many of those graduates of yeshiva high schools who remain Orthodox today choose to go to a hesder yeshiva rather than university. Some of these, like Amir, later come to Bar-Ilan to study practical fields like law or business administration.

The faculty in Bar-Ilan's early years was virtually 100 percent Orthodox. Today about one-third of the faculty is secular.

Bar-Ilan University faculty-student rally for tolerance shortly after Rabin's assassination. (Yoni Reif)

In the 1950s and '60s, Bar-Ilan was at the center of national-religious life," says Klein. "After the Six Day War and the rise of the Greater Israel movement the source for creating values for this population shifted from Bar-Ilan to the yeshivot. Even students coming here from the yeshivot to study economics or business management keep their loyalty and moral attachments to the rabbis in the yeshivot. Amir is a product of that society."

Klein, who is himself Orthodox, says that Bar-Ilan's error lay in not being able to filter out the extremist influences reaching the campus from the yeshivot. "There is a red line beyond which ideology is corrupted," he says. "There is nothing wrong with the ideology of Greater Israel – until that point. There is nothing wrong with belief in the Messiah – until that point. The university did not develop the necessary filters."

It began to do so after the assassination, says Klein. "It put an emphasis on teaching democratic values and tolerance. It banned political demonstrations. It encouraged Orthodox-secular dialogues. Is this enough? I don't know. The university administration is itself part of its community."

Broad condemnation of the university such as that which followed the assassination is not helpful, says Klein. "I suggest instead that critics encourage Bar-Ilan to reinforce academic norms and stand against the negative aspects of messianic ideology and Greater Israel ideology."

Yigal Amir did not derive his ideology from Bar-Ilan but from the world of nationalist yeshivot and from weekends in Hebron and other extremist centers, maintains Klein. Margalit Har-Shefi and others in his circle at Bar-Ilan likewise brought their worldview from elsewhere.

"The question is, once they reached the university why didn't they start thinking differently? Why didn't they raise questions about their beliefs?"

GARDENER'S CORNER

A walk on the wild side

By BATSHEVA MINK & DAVID BRAUNER

One of our earliest recollections of wild plants was seeing a field of red poppies growing in the English countryside. Although enchanted, it was not until many years later, after coming to Israel, that we started to take a real interest in wild flowers.

On our first visit to the Galilee, we had to keep reminding ourselves that the magnificent carpets of flowers we saw were growing in their true homes, and not in garden escapes (that is, garden plants escaped to the wild). What really strikes us as we travel the country in spring is the sheer abundance of garden treasures growing quite happily without any help from us.

Beautiful flowers like the poppy, cornflower, cyclamen, anenome, buttercup, chrysanthemum and lupin have been part of the European garden scene for so long that we tend to regard them as part of a shipment of plants brought in from the nursery rather than species that somewhere grow wild in the hills. Considering Israel's small size the country possesses one of the richest plant kingdoms in the world. Few regions elsewhere contain the quantity and diversity of native plants as the land of the Bible. In all, Israel "hosts" approximately 6,380 species of plants, of which 2,780 are native or alien (that is, transfers occurring in nature) and 3,600 that have been introduced by man.

In comparison, Great Britain, which is ten times Israel's size, has only 1,600 varieties of native wild flowers.

Two happy factors account for the richness of flora in the Holy Land. The first is geographical location. The country is a nexus between Africa and Asia, and lies between a sea – the Mediterranean, and a desert. Therefore, it's home to representatives of plant life from different continents and climatic zones.

Second, the topography of land is characterized by a variety of landscapes and natural features. From towering Mt. Hermon at 2,800 m. in the north to the Dead Sea, 398 m. below sea level, in the south. We have wood lands, desert regions, steep cliffs and sandy plains. And there are also other specialized plant habitats like riverbeds that flood in winter, marsh lands and deep canyons.

The main flowering season here is spring. At this time of year, conditions of air and soil temperature, together with the effects of winter rains, combine to bring forth an explosion of color.

At the same time, due to the many different soils and sub-climates, there is also continuous blooming throughout all twelve months of the year, though spring is the most spectacular. Autumn marks the second peak with the squill and yellow crocus dominating.

In the light soil of the coastal plain, flowering occurs early, shortly after the first rains of winter, while in the hills and valleys plants blossom later. Along the seashore, flowers are in bloom from spring through to midsummer.

Ten percent of the vegetation in Israel are geophytic plants, that is, plants which grow from bulbs and tubers. These have the facility to store food and moisture, enabling them to blossom at times when other plants have long since expired.

For example, the autumn or sea squill (Lat. *Urginea maritima*; Heb. *hatzav*), which grows from a huge bulb, usually blooms at the end of September. Reaching as high as 150 cm., the flower stems appear long before the leaves. Squills are often called "harbingers of the rains," because once they appear, rain is not far off.

Growing wild flowers in home gardens was practically unheard of twenty years ago. Gardeners who did so were considered quite eccentric. Today, however, we see a burgeoning variety of wild plants in our gardens. And many gardeners are showing their concern for conserving wild plant populations by growing native species in domestic surroundings.

Abroad, especially in the U.S., Britain and Australia, ecosystem preservation is taken seriously, and wild plants have become well-integrated into their gardening traditions. In England Prince Charles has instituted an example of planting many native species on royal grounds.

In Israel, interest is growing in native plant conservation, but there is tremendous scope to do more for conservation through cultivation. For example, gardeners are free to pick and save valuable plants from sites slated for construction projects around the country. At the Botanical Garden in Jerusalem, botanists have been assessing the value of a wide variety of native plants for home-growing and ornamental purposes for the past 20 years. Wild plants naturally make suitable garden plants in our climate, because of their low water consumption and minimal maintenance requirements.

In general, research has shown that Israeli wild flowers sown in your garden in early August can remain in flower from the end of summer right through winter and into April or even May, if the spring is not too hot and dry. Although the native plants prefer full sun, most will take a little shade. Nor are they fussy about soil. But obviously, like all plants, the natives give better and longer lasting results in soil that has been dug up and turned over for aeration and free drainage.

The red poppy: seeds easily and colonizes freely (Jerusalem Botanical Gardens)

Also, for a longer flowering season than is natural in the wild, gardeners suggest that dead flowers be removed (deadheaded), and that the plants be watered between rainfalls. In the first few years, take care to remove invasive weeds in order to give your "wild" plants a chance to seed themselves and dominate the area.

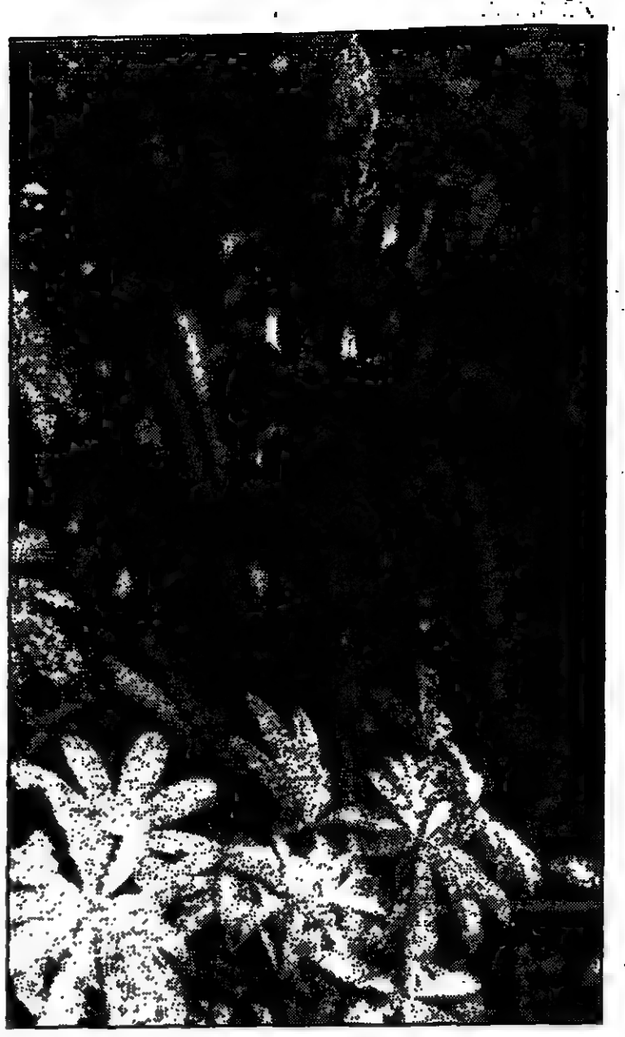
Here are a few of our favorite "cultivated" wild flowers:

Lupin (Lat. *Lupinus pilosis; Heb. turmus*) The range of the lupin stretches from the north in the area of Mt. Gilboa, south to the limits of the Mediterranean belt to Kiryat Gat. Lupins are remarkable in that their spoke-like leaves are phototropic, that is, they follow the sun across the sky on a daily basis. Shaped like pretty cones, lupin flowers start out blue and white but turn to reddish purple after pollination. The plant grows to 60-150 cm. From an end of August sowing, lupins normally flower to mid-November. If you cut off the first flower before it develops, it will encourage at least 30 more branches and continue flowering for up to five months.

Sow lupin seeds 20 cm. apart and thin out any that are too close to each other. They grow best when surrounded by at least eight other of their kind, so please don't sow them singly. Also, lupins are not likely to be successful if transplanted.

Red poppy (Lat. *Papaver carmeli*; Heb. *parag*) The red poppies, another successful garden flower adapted from the wild, have a special charm. Their silky textured flowers bloom from October to May, if sown in early August. Once introduced into your garden, poppies seed themselves easily and colonize freely, lacing around and through larger flowering companions, to decorate the garden floor. Like lupins, poppies resent transplantation, so sow in the areas where they are to be grown, and thin them out after germination to give them room to expand.

Cornflower (Lat. *Centaurea cyanoides*; Heb. *dardar kachol*) This is another favorite of Israeli gardeners and has been cultivated in the Botanical Garden for many years. This amazing plant bushes out to about 40 cm. wide and is capable of sprouting 200 or more flowers at a time. The color is a true blue, something quite rare in the plant world, because most blue flowers have an admixture of red or mauve.



Lupins flourish in groups but don't take well to transplantation (Jerusalem Botanical Gardens)

Cornflowers can be sown directly in the garden, or grown first in pots and then replanted when space becomes available. They are adored by butterflies.

Chrysanthemum (Lat. *Chrysanthemum segetum*; Heb. *hartzit*) For a wonderful splash of yellow, the chrysanthemum is one of the easiest wild flowers to grow at home. The plant reaches a height of 50 cm. and a spread of 30 cm., and its bright yellow daisy flowers bloom from October to the end of May.

Like all wild plants, don't grow them too close together if you want good size individuals that flower over a long period. Chrysanthemums are good self-seeders and will easily naturalize themselves.

Silene (Lat. *Silene palaestina*; Heb. *tzipornit*) In the wild this attractive, free-flowering, pinkish-red flower is an annual belonging to the carnation family that is found from Israel's northern border to the lower Jordan Valley. You can either sow the seeds directly in the garden where they are to flower (later thinning them out to 15 cm. apart) or in pots to be transplanted at a later date. Silene enjoys full sun, but will grow in slight shade.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner, e-mail: morrir@mail.biu.ac.il

HEADS 'N' TAILS

Purebred or pedigreed: What's the difference?

(Hanoch Guthmann)

(David Rubinger)

(AP)

Clockwise: World champion Giant Poodle Peleh; Lassie lookalike; Big Bad Bubba, winner of Iowa's Beautiful Bulldog contest; and just an ordinary German shepherd

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A lot of dog owners are somewhat confused about the matter of pedigreed dogs. This is well expressed in the question from a reader in Herzliya: "Almost two years ago we purchased a lovely Labrador female puppy from a pet shop in Tel Aviv. She is a delightful animal and we are very pleased with her. But there is one problem. The pet shop owner assured us that she was purebred Labrador and she certainly looks it. But in a subsequent examination of her records, we found that although her father has "papers" and is pedigreed her mother does not. We would like to breed her but do not want to unless we can be sure of buyers for the puppies. Is there any way to register her? Does this mean that she is not really pure Labrador at all?"

A dog can be purebred and yet not be pedigreed. When we say pedigreed we mean that both of the dog's parents' pedigrees are registered with the Israel Kennel Club (IKC) and that the two dogs themselves are registered with that institution. In addition the litter of puppies must be registered with the IKC soon after birth. When all this is accomplished then the individual pups are given pedigree papers and after suitable inspection by officials of the Kennel Club they may be eligible for breeding.

But even having "papers" does not guarantee that the bitch or the sire will be given a breeding permit. This is often subject to other criteria such as an X-ray of the hips in certain breeds to detect hip dysplasia which is genetically transmitted or, in some breeds, an eye examination to see that the animal is free of a certain type of blindness that is also genetic.

So, only a pup that is the product of a dam and a sire that have both passed these tests will be eligible for registration as a pedigreed dog. The lack of these papers does not mean that the pup is not purebred but simply that it does not meet the standards set for the breeding of that particular type of dog.

Some dog owners feel slighted by these regulations but they have been set up to protect the integrity of the breed and to ensure dogs of the highest quality. One must remember that there are cases where a dog may look as if it is a

(Hanoch Guthmann)

pure specimen of its breed but there may be recessive genes in its makeup that will show up in its offspring.

As for the genetic diseases, I am sure that none of us would want a bitch of ours to produce a litter of puppies that had every possibility of being crippled or blind when they grow up. But these things happen.

Sometimes when the parents are only very slightly afflicted, the disease may be very severe in the next generation. Of course, it can – and does – happen that two dogs that have passed all the examinations will still be carriers of a gene that causes these problems, but it is much rarer.

The Israel Kennel Club is a member of the FCI, an international federation of kennel clubs. Israeli pedigrees are honored abroad because they meet the same high standards as do the pedigrees of other member clubs. So, the best thing to do in this case would to have the bitch spayed and to remember that everything that makes her a wonderful dog is still the same. She is simply not eligible for showing or for breeding.

If one really wishes to show and to breed a dog, then it should be purchased only from the breeder and after a careful inspection of the pedigrees and registration of both parents.

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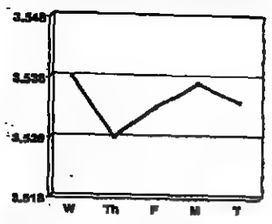

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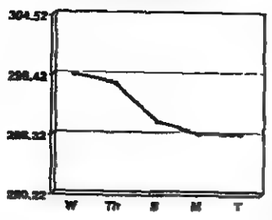

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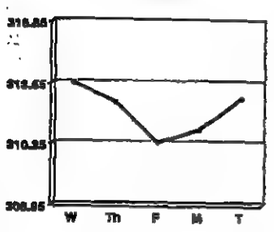

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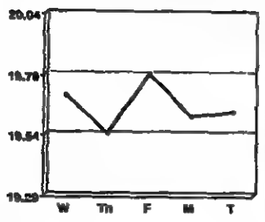

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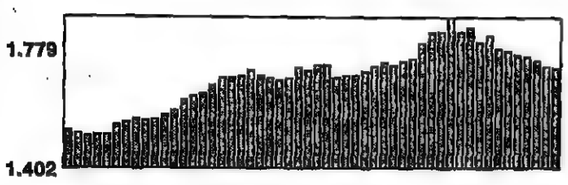

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October trade deficit falls to $433 million

Last month's trade deficit was $433m., down from $439m. in September, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The figures indicate a monthly 1.2 percent drop in the trade deficit in recent months, compared with an average drop of 2.2% per month in the first half of the year, due to the slowdown in exports. From January to October the trade deficit fell 26.8%, and totalled only $6.6 billion, compared with $9b. for the corresponding period last year. The trade deficit excluding diamonds and fuel fell more sharply, by 33%.

Globes News Service

Scitex nets $2.2 million in third quarter

Scitex Corporation reported yesterday that third-quarter net income rose to $2.2 million compared with a net loss of $151m. in the same period last year and $157,000 in the second quarter of 1997. For January-September the company reported a net loss of $5.1m. compared with $154m. for the same period last year, which included restructuring expenses. Sales for the third-quarter rose to $171m. against $167m. last year; revenues were $501m. versus $527m.

Scitex president and CEO Yoav Chelouche said the company has reached the targets set in the reorganization plan ahead of schedule: "The good news is that the graphic arts group returned into the black. The digital printing group showed improved results and we intend to invest heavily in this area in the future."

Dan Gerstenfeld

Teva third-quarter net increases 50%

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries said yesterday that third-quarter net income rose 50 percent to $35.8 million from $23.9m. in the same period last year. The company reported sales of $286.7m., up 21% from $236.6m. in the third-quarter of 1996. Net income was $101.2m. compared with 43.2m in the corresponding period in 1996. Total sales climbed 22% to $825m from $676.1m. The company said it has received US Food and Drug Administration approval for the easing of storage conditions for Copaxone, its multiple sclerosis treatment. Teva said this would enable expanding distribution of the drug in the US.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Netanyahu: Gov't to propose high-speed TA-Beersheba train

By DAVID HARRIS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday announced he intends proposing a high-speed train link between Tel Aviv and Beersheba to the cabinet.

Speaking at a National Export Day convention in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu said the 155 kph train would allow for a journey time of about an hour.

"This will create greater social integration and allow for a higher mobility level for the stronger elements of the population to outlying areas," he said.

It is vital to mix the populations in the center and in peripheral areas to prevent the creation of a two-tier society, he added. "We must invest in the basic infrastructure that will transform the Negev and Galilee into part of the center."

The investment is estimated at NIS 300 million.

Netanyahu's announcement was welcomed by Israel Railways director-general Amos Uzani. "I hope a proposal like this will be approved in the cabinet," he said. "From our perspective, constructing this route is perfectly feasible. We have programs, but they cost money. If this is approved, we will be happy to implement it."

To improve the existing line, Israel Railways would require up to 18 months of intensive work, but doubling the single-track route would take considerably longer.

Netanyahu's comments came just days after Uzani attacked the government for its failure to increase spending on railroads. Israel Railways originally requested an annual NIS 500m. over the next five years, national Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon agreed to lobby for NIS 400m. in 1998; the Treasury reportedly offered NIS 300m.; and now, according to Uzani, the actual budget will be under NIS 200m.

Two Japanese corporations are currently studying the feasibility of introducing the shinkansen, or bullet train, to Israel. The shinkansen, whose maximum speed tops 300 kph, would potentially reduce travel time between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to under 30 minutes and the Tel Aviv-Eilat trip to 75 minutes.

Dollars for sale

South Korean security guards carry stacks of US dollars from a bank counter in Seoul yesterday. The South Korean won rose to 989.80 against the dollar by the morning close as a result of the central bank's dollar-selling intervention. This propelled stock buying by domestic investors. (Reuters)

Tadiran awarded $52m. contract by US Marines

By STEVE RODAN

The US Marine Corps has awarded a contract estimated at $52 million to Tadiran Communications for the supply of several thousand handheld computers to be used in battle, executives announced yesterday.

Tadiran executives said that the contract of the Rugged Handheld Computer was awarded to Engineering and Professional Services of Tinton Falls, New Jersey.

The team is composed of Tadiran Communications and its US subsidiary, Tallacom Industries of Tallahassee, Florida.

The computers will be used by the US Marine Corps personnel both in vehicles and in the field.

The computer is a digital message terminal that provides navigation and map display by employing an internal Global Positioning System receiver. Modem communications can be connected through tactical radios and other networks.

Tadiran Communications marketing vice president Lior Almagor said the contract was awarded in "full and open competition. If all options are exercised, the overall Rugged Handheld Computer program value is estimated at the US Marine Corps budgeting figure of $52 million."

Tadiran executives also announced that the IDF would purchase $20 million worth of electronic equipment to be supplied over the next few years. The equipment bought involves electronic warfare to protect land forces.

Shmuel Kidron, Tadiran Systems director-general, said the new systems are among the most advanced in the world and can jam enemy communications without affecting friendly forces.

He said Tadiran Systems, a subsidiary of Tadiran, is the main supplier of the tactical equipment to the IDF.

Coalition blocks vote on arnona hike

By DAVID HARRIS

Coalition MKs on the Knesset Finance Committee blocked a vote yesterday that would have rejected a government plan to increase municipal property taxes, the *arnona*, by 18.9 percent in 1998.

Once it became clear the government lacked a majority, the committee's coalition leader, MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), told the chairman, MK Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism), that the vote could not be held for technical reasons.

MKs have the right to postpone votes if they coincide with party conferences, and several Finance Committee MKs were at the Likud conference yesterday.

Despite the postponed vote, MKs continued debating the issue in an attempt to reach a compromise. Two weeks ago the Interior and Finance ministries presented a plan to increase the tax by 8.9% in line with inflation through September.

However, on Monday they returned to the committee with a request for an additional 10% rise in the tax. But the MKs have agreed to approve only an 8.9% hike. The vote has been rescheduled for Monday.

The Finance Ministry said last night that it strongly objects to paring down the increase it has sought to only 8.9%.

Meanwhile, MK Pini Badash (Tsomet) plans next week to introduce to the Local Authority subcommittee a proposal to postpone municipal elections from November 1998 to March or April 1999. Badash says he wants to make mayors answerable for 1998 balance sheets. He claims to have Treasury support for the plan.

Investment allowed in personal provident funds

By DAN GERSTENFELD and Globes News Service

The Finance Ministry announced yesterday that it has changed its policy and cancelled most planned restrictions on investment in personal provident funds (*kupot gemel*).

According to the new decision, the local provident funds will be comparable to Individual Retirement Accounts in the US. Personal provident funds are regarded as the next revolution in the field of provident funds in Israel.

It involves transferring the responsibility for managing provident fund savings from centralized management bodies (banks) to the individual saver, who will personally decide on the investments.

The use of IRA in the US began a decade ago and has been tremendously successful. A large part of Americans' pension money now is managed this way.

Meanwhile, the Treasury reported that provident funds redemptions moderated last month, dropping by over two thirds to NIS 11 million, compared to redemptions of NIS 37m. in September and NIS 53m. in August.

Training funds (*keren hishtalmut*) accumulated NIS 133m. in October, compared with NIS 125m. in September and NIS 118m. in August.

Since the beginning of the year, provident funds and training funds had redemptions of NIS 783m.

Meanwhile, saving plans accumulated NIS 46m. in October, versus redemptions of NIS 36m. in September and redemptions of NIS 17m. in August.

Inflation-linked saving plans attracted NIS 78m., compared with NIS 13m. in September, while foreign currency-linked plans saw redemptions of NIS 32m., versus NIS 50m. the month before.

ECI gets $31m. order from China

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

ECI Telecom Ltd., a Petah Tikva-based developer of integrated network communications solutions, yesterday announced that it received an $31 million order from China's Hunan Post and Telecom Administration.

According to the agreement, ECI will supply telecommunications network equipment to Hunan's local networks. The equipment will be used to facilitate distribution of voice, data and video throughout Changsha, the capital of Hunan, and 13 of the province's major cities.

ECI Telecom will begin delivery of equipment during the fourth quarter and expects to complete delivery within six months.

The order follows implementation of a 1996 contract by which ECI Telecom supplied the backbone network for the entire Hunan province.

"It is evident that ECI Telecom's SDH products are rapidly becoming a first choice solution for networks in China and throughout the world," Amos Talmor Hubschmann, ECI's general manager in the Asia Pacific region, said.

ECI Telecom also supplied the longest backbone network in the world to Inner Mongolia and has received contracts for projects in Hunan, Guangzhou, Saanxi, Hubei and Zhejiang and other provinces.

Kodak to cut 10,000 jobs, take $1b. charge

By GERARD HEUCHNER and Jerusalem Post Staff

Eastman Kodak Co. will cut almost 11 percent of its workforce and take a $1 billion pretax charge in the fourth quarter, the latest in a series of restructurings that have yet to boost profits.

Kodak expects to lose $400 million this year in its digital imaging business, which it has counted on to maintain its dominance in photography.

The charge of $2 a share, will cover job cuts and the writedown of assets, saving at least $1b. over the next two years, the company said.

The actions are the most aggressive taken by Chairman George Fisher, who is facing his toughest challenge since taking over four years ago.

Kodak is trying to beat competition from Fuji Photo Film Co., Hewlett-Packard Co. and others while its film sales stagnate and losses mount from new products including its Advanced Photo System.

"One of the problems I created was an expectation of continued growth," Fisher told analysts at a meeting in New York. "We are collectively embarrassed by this year."

Kodak's shares fell 3 to 63 1/4 in late morning trading yesterday. The stock is down 21% this year.

Kodak also said it would reduce research and development spending by as much as $150 million next year, and would consider hiring other companies to make more of its products.

Kodak President Daniel Carp told the group that the company won't let Fuji undercut it so much on prices, as in the summer when Fuji's prices were as much as 30% lower than Kodak's.

"It's not our intention to lead prices downward in the US, but we will not allow the value gap to rise to levels of the past summer," Carp said.

Carp also said that the company will stock fewer types of film and increase spending on advertising.

Fuji and others have taken at least three percentage points of Kodak's share in the US film market in the past year, analysts said.

Kodak last unveiled a restructuring plan in January, when it said it would cut 4,000 jobs to consolidate photo labs.

This time, Kodak plans to cut 10,000 jobs.

The Rochester, New York-based company has about 95,000 employees. It has been trimming its non-core operations (notably copier sales and service) and refocusing on products for consumers and professionals.

Kodak, still the number one US filmmaker and tied for the global lead with Fuji Photo, has been shooting for a big share of the markets for digital imaging, which lets photographers alter their photos via computer or store their images on the Internet, and disk-based document management.

Kodak's consumer, professional, health, and business divisions have all capitalized on digital technology; harder to capitalize on, however, has been the technology's profit potential.

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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By Greer Fay Cashman

A Boeing Commercial Airplane Group delegation headed by Boeing executive vice president **Nancy J. Bethel** (left) recently completed an intensive round of meetings in Israel. Though visiting trade delegations seldom meet with President **Ezer Weizman**, it was natural that the former commander in chief of the Israel Air Force, whose speech continues to be punctuated with Air Force expressions, should want to meet with senior Boeing representatives. The delegation also met with Transportation Minister **Yitzhak Levy**, with members of the US embassy and with the top brass of El Al. The purpose of the visit was to introduce clients to the new Boeing 737-700. El Al is considering the purchase of five of these new planes at a cost of $200 million. **Joseph Ciechanover**, (right) chairman of El Al's board of directors looked all set to sign the deal when photographed with Bethel.

Dan Lazar has been appointed general manager of the coffee shop division of the Morag group, which controls the Beigel Nash and Cafe Morag coffee shops in seven locations across the country. Lazar, 40, has managerial experience in the hotel and food industries. His most recent position was as manager of the Ben and Jerry's ice-cream chain. Prior to that, he was general manager of the Carmel and Blue Bay hotels in Netanya.

Kim Lindy, former director of the AACI Central Region has left to start up her own business as a consultant. In her previous position, which she held for nearly five years, Lindy frequently gave people advice about projects and found that she had a natural aptitude for bringing together people who could be mutually beneficial to each other. She is now focusing on these attributes to launch her new professional career. Concurrently, she has accepted the position of chairperson of Democrats Abroad in Israel.

Weizmann Institute Prof. **Haim Harari** has been appointed a member of the European Science and Technology Assembly (ESTA). The assembly is a scientific council comprising some 60 internationally acclaimed researchers, including several Nobel laureates. Harari is the first Israeli to be granted ESTA membership and will be involved in setting priorities for scientific research in the European Union.

New appointments announced by Mega Sport include those of **Avi Kalfa** as the company's commercial manager, **Dan Gerbi** as operations manager and **Ron Amnon** as manager of the company's Bilu Junction branch in Rehovot.

Osnat Ofek is the new human resources manager at the Lagoona hotel, Eilat. Another new appointment at the Lagoona is that of **Meital Alper** as manager of the hotel's entertainment department.

Two new appointments at the Carmel Jordan River hotel in Tiberias are those of **Avi Schlisel** as executive chef, and **Sharon Alon** as functions manager and deputy food and beverage manager. Schlisel was a senior chef at the Hyatt Spa Hotel, the Dead Sea, and worked for two-and-a-half years at a hotel in Switzerland. Alon, who studied hotel management at Bar-Ilan University, gained his practical experience at the Holiday Inn chain.

Tiptoe to the TASE

As world markets return to relative normalcy, local investors have reason to ever so cautiously reenter the water

By NEIL COHEN

While the markets remain volatile and nervy, we have returned to some vestige of normalcy over the last week. The major markets have recovered somewhat (though they hiccuped again on Friday), and while the Far East still has a big influence over Wall Street, Europe and hence the rest of the world, more local issues have returned to the fore.

While I'm still very cautious, nervous and overall a little pessimistic, I am prepared to venture, ever so carefully back into the water. The first moves I am making, though, are to raise some extra cash in the two main portfolios. As I have maintained all along, the goal of these portfolios is absolute performance, not beating the market. I know that I have long argued in favor of a buy-and-hold strategy, buying through *thick and thin*. But we were fortunate to have started the portfolios *when the market was in the doldrums*, and we picked up a lot of our holdings very cheaply.

I'm certainly not suggesting that we exit the market in wholesale fashion. I just want to protect the substantial gains we have made by putting together a reserve that will give us the ability to benefit if the market takes a pounding, for whatever reason, and swings to levels of excessive undervaluation.

Given where we are starting from – up 59 percent in one portfolio and *66% in the other over a year and a* half – any other strategy would be a bit *irresponsible*. Short of *perfect* market timing (get out at or near the top; get in at or near the bottom; be fully out when the market is crashing; get fully invested when it's starting to take off), which is a strategy fraught with the danger that the reverse is what actually happens, I think we need to protect our gains.

If the market falls when we're less than fully invested, our cash position will cushion us against the falls and enable us to pick up good stocks at low prices ahead of the next upturn. And if the market *picks back up again, we will do a* little less well on the upswing but still participate nicely.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Our holding in Orbotech, having been hammered last week, has recovered almost all of its losses. *We have more or less tripled our* money in Orbotech (counting all the profits we have taken on the way up), and my feeling is that the stock is likely to take something of a breather. If it continues its upward march, we will still profit. If the stock pulls back, we will have reduced our exposure. The stock has been a very large contributor to the portfolio's strong performance, and I think that in the current environment we need to lock the gains away for a rainy day. Particularly given that the stock does have real exposure to a slowdown in the Asian economies.

So I am selling a third of the holding. While the stock has done well for us, readers are aware that I have become somewhat less positive about Blue Square Co-Op's prospects. As competition in the food retailing business has become ever fiercer, the chain's margins and profits have come under pressure and growth has slowed. At a historic price earnings multiple of 17, I am taking advantage of the stock's recent strength by *selling* out the entire position.

Looking around, I don't see much in the way of compelling retail formats (difficult, anyway, in a small country) and feel quite comfortable not having much representation in the sector. Our one other holding, Home Center, benefits from a much less demanding valuation and is still cheap in my opinion.

I am going to put NIS 5,000 of the proceeds back to work in the aggressive portfolio in an issue that did very well earlier this year. If all goes according to plan, we *will have to wait three or four* months for our profit, but it should *be there when the time comes.*

The new Central Bus Station in *Tel Aviv is wholly owned by* Mishor Hahof (previously known as Mariaz), a publicly traded real-estate company controlled by Mordechai Yona, the chairman of the Israel Contractors Association. The Central Bus Station is a privately held company, but it has a reasonably large, straight index-linked bond that is secured on the asset and traded on the TASE. The bond is usually fairly liquid, though volume has dried up of late.

The bond pays interest of CPI plus 6% per annum. The company is supposed to repay the outstanding principal, together with relevant interest and indexation, in equal installments every March 31 from 1997 to 2007. The company successfully made the first payment in March of this year.

Despite high hopes, the bus station has proved to be something of a white elephant. *It has not attracted* the retail traffic or stores its owners *had hoped for. Building up occupancy* has been a long, hard struggle, *and the company* has been burdened with the high finance costs resulting from a highly leveraged structure.

However, the company has clawed itself into operating profitability and has slowly been improving its financial situation. Last year, the bonds traded at a redemption yield even higher than the current rate after a tax yield of 8.66% plus inflation. As the first date for partial redemption approached and the market grew more confident that the company would meet the first repayment in full and without difficulty, the bonds ran up in price, delivering a *very nice short-term return* to those bold enough to buy.

Although it continues to struggle, the Bus Station is still keeping its head above water, filling more space and improving the cash flow. I think there is only a slim risk that the next payment will not be made in March, and the bonds will likely run up ahead of the partial redemption date. Together with the repayment itself, this could provide nice short-term upside.

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NEIL'S PORTFOLIO

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		No. of shares	Cost/share	Total cost	Current price	Current value
Conservative	Citrus Properties convertible	10,416.60	0.96	10,025	1.20	12,447.84
	Harel Hamishmar convertible	2,609.17	2.37	6,184	4.47	11,663.00
	Teva	7.24	1,035.60	7,499	1,659.80	12,020.27
	Bank Tefahot	6.22	1,303.34	8,101	2,620.84	16,289.57
	Ampal	660.00	$4.75	10,025	$4.88	11,351.34
	Clal Israel	143.68	69.60	10,025	103.00	14,798.94
	Carmel Container	341.00	$9.00	10,020	$8.13	9,774.77
	Dan Hotels	425.65	8.81	3,769	9.47	4,030.88
	Orbotech	67.00	$14.50	3,525	$52.13	12,321.10
	Jafora Tabori	556.80	8.98	5,025	9.62	5,356.41
	Yiong	640.00	7.79	5,010	9.50	6,080.00
	IDB	1,432.66	3.49	5,025	3.73	5,343.82
	Koor	28.00	357.05	10,017	378.41	10,595.48
	1 month cash deposit at 12%					27,219.92
	Total portfolio value			100,000		159,293.30
Aggressive	Lusaly Commercial ordinary	3,024.19	1.24	3,775	2.32	7,016.12
	Clal Electronics	24.47	283.28	6,952	550.92	13,481.01
	Tower Semiconductor	292.00	55.75	6,584	$11.06	11,396.32
	Israel Chemicals	3,488.37	2.58	9,023	4.79	16,709.29
	Delek Auto	1,219.88	3.32	4,075	5.36	6,538.58
	Biotech General	224.00	$11.00	8,482	$12.81	10,125.36
	Lemi Mortgage convertible	3,846.15	1.30	5,025	1.51	5,807.69
	Granit convertible series 2	3,906.25	1.28	5,025	1.37	5,371.09
	Home Center	283.00	$5.25	5,021	$6.88	6,864.17
	Discount Investments	120.00	244.86	9,819	99.02	11,882.40
	Israel Corporation	47.33	211.30	10,025	270.00	12,778.02
	Orda Print	180.33	41.59	7,525	45.62	8,228.66
	Top Image	332.00	$4.25	5,015	$5.30	6,442.13
	Avalon Insurance	729.93	6.85	5,020	6.50	4,744.55
	Central Bus Bond	2,517.62	1.99	5,020	1.99	5,000.00
	1 month cash deposit at 12%					33,600.71
	Total portfolio value			100,000		165,984.10
Defensive	AlRow Convertible	5,847.95	.855	5,020	0.85	4,941.52
	1 Month deposit at 12%			94,980		95,929.80
	Total portfolio value			100,000		100,871.30

Microsoft responds to Justice Dept. charges

Microsoft Corp. said on Monday it filed its formal response to the Justice Department's charge that the software giant is violating a 1995 antitrust settlement.

Microsoft's response, filed in a federal court in Washington, DC, comes three weeks after the Justice Department charged the company with illegally requiring computer makers to feature its Explorer Internet Browser if they want to offer Microsoft's popular Windows 95 operating system.

Although the company declined to discuss the content of the response filed after the court closed, it is likely to argue that Explorer is part of Windows 95, not a separate product. That's a key distinction because the settlement allows Microsoft to add new features to its operating system, although it can't force computer makers to offer separate Microsoft products.

The Justice Department's lawsuit seeks fines of $1 million a day unless Microsoft changes its marketing tactics.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1997 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
FLEXIBLE					
Abir	221.11	217.17	+ 0.07	+ 25.03	19.7
Adar flexible	100.22	99.00	- 0.14	—	27.8
Afikim flexible	214.26	211.51	- 0.86	+ 24.43	29.4
Ahrayut flexible	508.27	499.46	- 0.67	+ 26.02	3.3
Analyst Diversified	799.52	722.62	- 1.95	+ 31.84	74.0
Archimedes	96.42	94.46	- 1.44	+8.25	0.3
Avuka	1931.05	1897.57	+ 0.32	+ 27.25	6.2
Bazek flexible	24.82	24.67	+ 0.20	+8.46	0.0
Bloch Rotstein flexible	209.80	205.80	- 0.29	+ 81.12	26.9
Dikla Mamon	263.14	261.11	- 0.24	+ 25.56	29.8
Dikla Melrav	176.74	176.09	- 0.12	+ 41.26	11.7
Dikla Moked	3312.29	3287.04	- 0.10	+ 22.90	81.3
Dovrat-Shrem flexible	183.52	179.80	- 0.13	+ 26.68	52.7
Emda Ital	3974.52	3930.90	+ 0.07	+ 27.10	35.3
Epsilon flexible	154.98	154.47	- 1.10	+ 27.51	10.4
Evergreen flexible	122.04	120.96	- 1.32	+ 30.88	11.9
Excellence flexible	2973.37	2934.74	- 1.37	+ 22.84	8.4
Igud bonds	105.33	104.80	- 0.86	—	56.6
Igud flexible	160.93	159.96	- 0.04	+ 34.04	22.5
Igud shekit	128.07	128.07	+ 0.64	+ 14.83	85.6
Ilanot 30 plus	154.46	153.64	- 1.42	+ 30.52	7.1
Ilanot Tidhar	3204.08	3195.94	- 0.56	+ 25.40	82.2
Ilanot90	250.61	249.31	- 0.38	+ 33.49	31.2
Ipax flexible	149.39	148.98	+ 0.66	+ 34.79	12.4
Kivun flexible	122.09	120.86	- 3.18	—	7.7
Kisli flexible	1146.66	1144.00	- 0.34	+ 24.10	5.9
Lahak dunlai	756.91	743.19	- 0.88	+ 26.07	77.5
Lapid	1626.35	1598.15	+ 0.19	+ 26.37	6.6
Maoflim flexible	146.01	143.32	- 2.08	+ 42.13	9.7
Meitav flexible	160.23	158.59	- 1.14	+ 31.56	3.7
Models shkula	107.78	107.38	+ 0.16	—	12.3
Models teuza	97.75	97.34	+ 0.08	—	3.8
Morlis Money Market	129.25	129.25	+ 0.55	+ 13.46	16.0
Nesua flexible	2578.70	2562.22	- 0.42	+ 23.86	13.9
Netz	140.22	139.69	+ 1.87	-8.45	0.8
Noga	863.75	852.65	+ 0.46	+ 23.97	49.2
Omer Pekan	202.70	199.06	- 1.68	+ 19.40	27.7
Ozar flexible	97.47	95.76	- 0.75	+ 26.94	6.1
Panther	461.36	457.14	+ 0.20	+ 19.93	3.9
Pa hayovel	209.51	207.83	- 0.23	+ 22.70	29.5
Pa kela	893.44	889.00	- 0.86	+ 24.25	344.9
Psagot 100	341.16	338.44	- 1.14	+ 41.17	94.9
Psagot flexible	576.90	568.67	- 0.72	+ 34.25	158.2
Ramco flexible	169.79	167.86	+ 0.82	+ 43.58	5.6
Saar	189.86	189.04	- 1.20	+ 24.48	208.1
Saar flexible	221.97	219.14	- 0.72	+ 30.99	2.4
Sapanoot flexible	97.20	95.37	+ 0.40	+ 42.96	8.7
Sigma flexible	99.13	98.04	- 1.48	+ 25.56	10.5
Sivan	260.94	257.57	+ 0.09	+ 45.66	68.1
Teleskop	129.72	129.38	- 1.12	+ 19.22	4.7
Yaad flexible	103.01	102.00	- 0.58	+ 18.33	3.1
Yesodot	3261.84	3204.00	- 0.93	+ 31.19	50.6
Zeller flexible	101.52	100.35	- 1.24	+ 24.29	3.7
Zion flexible	14213.10	14134.39	- 1.72	+ 17.84	2.7
SHARES					
Adi	119.88	117.78	- 1.56	+ 25.95	80.1
Afikim shares	287.05	283.24	- 0.66	+ 32.57	25.4
Ahrayut oil shares	155.22	152.08	- 3.24	+ 16.33	2.5
Ahrayut real estate	239.02	234.25	- 1.53	+ 21.45	12.8
Ahrayut shares	333.17	327.33	- 1.04	+ 27.89	4.8
Analyst Aggressive	153.22	149.68	- 1.47	+ 40.25	64.1
Analyst Equity	1171.93	1145.13	- 0.79	+ 35.39	143.9
Analyst Industries	365.66	357.32	- 0.51	+ 38.64	58.4
Atlas pekon	—	—	—	—	38.1
Baron	214.68	210.79	- 0.20	+ 41.11	8.5
Capital shares	91.26	90.10	- 0.36	+ 25.38	3.9
Chemical Pekan	112.45	110.48	+ 1.13	+ 36.83	7.7
Dikla Maagal	102.09	101.27	- 0.32	+ 46.64	16.2
Dikla Mad Maof	199.53	198.47	+ 0.09	+ 29.05	47.1
Dikla Merets	509.76	505.77	+ 0.31	+ 36.14	68.7
Dikla Miflan	122.79	121.86	- 0.75	+ 37.08	74.2
Dikla Migzar finance	125.19	124.25	- 1.86	+ 41.72	32.2
Dikla Mikud 30	70.21	69.66	- 0.17	—	50.1
Dikla Mivtah	363.05	360.24	- 2.41	+ 21.54	47.1
Dikla Mondial	—	—	—	—	11.8
Dikla Mor	1530.42	1518.40	+ 0.02	+ 34.78	105.4
Dovrat-Shrem caram	131.48	128.79	- 0.26	+ 35.26	23.6
Dovrat-Shrem shares	113.65	111.36	+ 0.19	+ 33.14	22.5
Emda Canal	—	—	—	—	3.0
Emda Caram	1719.91	1702.12	- 0.96	+ 25.33	32.0
Emda Export	83.56	82.66	+ 1.05	+ 36.54	12.7
Emda Maof	207.20	205.60	+ 0.02	+ 29.58	33.6
Emda Mishtanim	1990.89	1969.31	+ 0.08	+ 35.45	56.2
Emda Paz	178.64	178.74	- 0.08	+ 40.90	12.8
Emda Shalevet	161.45	160.25	- 0.25	+ 36.94	16.5
Epsilon 36	100.60	100.24	- 0.55	+ 34.79	13.2
Epsilon Caram	188.95	188.25	- 1.79	+ 36.37	22.0
Erez	334.67	[illegible]	- 1.15	+ 29.60	161.2
Esh	611.96	599.68	- 1.24	+ 11.13	2.4
Etgar	156.08	155.29	- 0.10	+ 28.03	57.3
Evergreen shares	162.26	160.81	- 1.78	+ 36.43	26.1
Excellence caram	245.12	242.51	- 2.06	+ 27.47	10.9
Excellence shares	580.12	576.86	- 1.56	+ 23.08	7.3
Eyal shares	134.71	134.71	- 0.98	+ 26.91	11.5
Gal	111.98	110.54	- 0.53	+ 36.82	13.8
Hon pekan	110.89	110.58	- 1.63	+ 48.12	99.3
Igud Caram	110.82	109.98	- 0.34	—	23.1
Igud maof	90.59	90.34	+ 0.09	—	6.4
Igud shares	148.82	147.89	- 1.02	+ 37.58	17.6
Ilanot Dekel	3064.42	3048.43	+ 0.14	+ 36.29	107.9
Ilanot Duvdevan	2688.34	2674.43	+ 0.23	+ 37.60	72.5
Ilanot Globe	—	—	—	—	15.9
Ilanot Nimrazat	88.87	88.32	- 2.38	+ 28.59	11.0
Ilanot Shesek	907.76	902.99	- 1.18	+ 32.39	143.5
Ilanot caram	189.93	189.04	- 1.65	+ 25.74	144.0
Ilanot communication	109.94	109.36	- 0.37	+ 63.15	56.1
Ilanot finance	94.26	93.75	- 1.51	+ 35.75	14.3
Ilanot maof	195.89	194.88	+ 0.11	+ 39.64	57.6
Ilanot shares	4886.79	4871.48	+ 0.32	+ 38.06	10.2
Ilanot shohakim	58.97	58.65	- 1.56	+ 32.61	26.5
Israel-America	—	—	—	—	1.8
Klali maof	234.45	233.76	+ 0.18	+ 29.45	13.0
Klali shares	148.92	148.47	- 0.78	+ 28.89	3.9
Kohav	164.06	163.49	- 1.27	+ 31.43	113.5
Kur Money Market	121.75	121.75	+ 0.06	+ 13.06	11.9
Kur Shares	88.95	88.89	+ 0.50	—	3.6
Lahak Caram	115.53	114.85	- 1.04	+ 30.39	68.8
Lahak afaka	302.82	297.48	+ 0.62	+ 34.56	14.2
Lahak agresivit plus	86.42	84.90	- 1.54	—	57.7
Lahak aniker	860.05	840.22	- 0.90	+ 30.33	44.2
Lahak export	73.46	73.23	+ 0.66	+ 45.10	29.5
Lahak nadlan	135.21	132.83	- 1.04	+ 30.07	46.5
Lahak rom	—	—	—	—	15.4
Lahak tor	418.69	411.31	+ 0.42	+ 29.09	69.9
Lahak zamir	804.06	801.81	+ 0.02	+ 32.80	73.8
Maale maof pekan	181.56	178.34	+ 0.08	+ 26.44	66.6
Magic	261.73	276.74	- 0.60	+ 30.32	13.7
Meitav Caram	112.72	111.56	- 1.24	+ 34.69	7.7
Meitav options	42.48	41.84	- 1.30	+ 27.76	8.2
Meitav shares	207.29	205.18	- 0.90	+ 36.54	4.6
Mercazit Caram	70.32	70.10	- 0.81	+ 30.44	4.0
Mercazit maof	187.84	187.37	+ 0.04	+ 28.05	2.9
Mercazit mishtanim	255.00	254.06	+ 0.40	+ 31.13	3.9
Nesua shares	448.54	445.57	- 0.18	+ 39.67	11.4
Nil	1051.97	1038.36	- 0.60	+ 31.39	25.8
Omega	127.68	125.43	- 0.73	+ 31.02	3.0
Ozar foreign inf par	139.36	136.93	- 0.41	+ 23.43	1.9
Ozar sal Caram	90.74	89.15	- 1.26	—	9.4
Ozar shares	109.45	107.53	- 0.62	+ 27.97	7.8
Pia 2000	93.95	93.45	+ 0.78	+ 44.46	26.4
Pia bdolach	988.12	988.74	- 0.21	+ 33.47	95.5
Pa manof	140.45	137.94	- 1.20	+ 23.65	55.4
Pia maof	190.62	187.27	+ 0.50	+ 28.06	95.7
Pia mechiot	782.34	768.59	- 1.02	+ 33.67	146.0
Pia odem	1178.64	1172.34	- 1.02	+ 34.89	179.0
Pia world	—	—	—	—	37.1
Pia yahalom	1072.72	1053.74	- 1.78	+ 28.76	81.2
Pia zinuk	65.72	64.56	+ 0.42	+ 30.71	51.5
Princess Continental	57.78	57.56	- 1.06	+ 37.74	22.2
Priza	—	—	—	—	0.7
Psagot Focus	109.20	107.83	- 0.55	+ 56.85	105.0
Psagot Mishnarim	356.07	354.11	+ 0.35	+ 47.90	142.9
Psagot al	88.89	87.24	- 0.73	+ 35.85	51.6
Psagot caram	190.66	189.61	- 2.05	—	25.6
Psagot mabat lashalom	132.29	129.96	- 1.97	+ 43.57	51.8
Psagot shares	840.83	838.03	- 1.21	+ 51.16	170.5
Rasim 90	148.39	145.21	- 3.73	+ 21.07	8.0
Simodan shares	95.00	93.59	- 2.55	+ 14.51	0.9
Tsuot Sula	145.29	145.31	- 0.86	+ 34.77	25.0
Yaar	56.02	55.90	+ 2.61	-8.41	0.5
Zik	364.21	356.10	- 1.14	+ 23.96	6.2
Zinger Barnea Financial	110.29	108.30	- 2.09	+ 29.58	0.9
Zinger Barnea Shmura	137.34	136.91	- 2.47	—	2.8
Zion caram	100.57	100.24	- 1.94	+ 28.98	15.7
Zion shares	148.03	147.18	- 1.09	+ 31.76	3.9
STATE BONDS					
Ahrayut state	436.74	435.53	+ 0.28	+ 13.22	5.9
Almog	319.60	312.97	+ 0.26	+ 19.56	173.9
Analyst Government Bonds	398.33	393.21	+ 0.33	+ 15.74	36.0
Dikla Maron	6127.28	6082.27	+ 0.25	+ 13.89	41.3
Dikla Mivtah	1666.72	1653.87	+ 0.47	+ 11.09	40.5
Ducas	244.29	243.61	+ 0.48	+ 12.61	18.7
Emda Lashem	1477.73	1462.42	+ 0.19	+ 11.70	33.4
Emda Sella	1361.31	1350.86	+ 0.52	+ 12.18	56.4
Emda state	1127.26	1118.36	+ 0.37	+ 11.38	95.9
Epsilon state	196.76	196.18	+ 0.31	+ 14.64	14.0
Geva	417.07	411.82	+ 0.16	+ 15.89	93.5
Hila	532.46	532.46	+ 0.38	+ 10.71	236.9
Ilanot Egoz	1129.93	1124.22	+ 0.30	+ 13.40	59.2
Ilanot Tapuah	697.43	693.82	+ 0.18	+ 12.73	36.8
Ilanot Tapuz	1075.49	1069.86	+ 0.27	+ 14.40	115.3
Ilanot state	2365.82	2353.93	+ 0.41	+ 13.73	4.5
Klali Dotan	1234.11	1230.51	+ 0.25	+ 14.27	5.8
Klali state	479.22	477.77	+ 0.18	+ 13.52	12.2
Lahak ekroni	569.52	559.51	+ 0.07	+ 15.87	54.8
Lahak shahaf	156.97	154.20	+ 0.77	+ 14.77	84.4
Lahak shuni	673.35	661.44	+ 0.93	+ 11.54	99.6
Meitav state	118.51	117.60	+ 0.26	+ 14.40	11.8
Mekorot	121.85	119.82	+ 0.13	+ 12.58	20.5
Mercazit state	153.67	152.58	+ 0.30	+ 19.57	11.7
Nesua state	1314.91	1308.40	+ 0.34	+ 11.31	38.2
Ozar state	152.04	149.38	+ 0.30	+ 10.85	16.1
Pa shela	245.87	243.91	+ 0.33	+ 13.43	17.6
Pa tarshish	148.48	146.88	+ 0.51	+ 11.77	[illegible]
Pa tzamid	4724.89	4641.75	+ 0.17	+ 15.09	181.8
Psagot bonds	561.36	551.48	+ 0.55	+ 18.11	60.5
Psagot index	560.25	550.37	+ 0.36	+ 14.35	114.7
Psagot mada	431.89	428.63	+ 0.27	+ 13.79	55.9
Sapanoot state	150.91	149.84	+ 0.32	+ 14.96	9.9
Shavi	702.96	690.61	+ 0.64	+ 11.16	185.3
Sigma state	134.77	133.10	- 0.10	+ 12.07	3.1
Yasra	581.86	580.17	+ 0.33	+ 13.57	93.7
Yavul	749.51	736.36	+ 0.16	+ 15.08	198.0
Ziv	615.57	607.76	+ 0.42	+ 15.36	41.8
Zohar	509.48	503.05	+ 0.34	+ 14.66	34.3
COMPANY BONDS					
Afikim bonds	342.54	338.33	- 0.42	+ 18.57	75.3
Ahrayut bonds	197.65	197.13	- 0.82	+ 15.97	12.6
Amirim	129.17	128.27	- 0.50	+ 14.89	24.5
Analyst Corporate Bonds	268.29	283.27	- 0.47	+ 19.04	69.4
Analyst Money Market	149.46	149.08	+ 0.57	+ 12.51	18.1
Bloch Rotstein bonds	156.03	153.85	+ 0.45	+ 13.30	10.0
Bond	165.61	164.76	- 0.36	+7.95	18.0
Capital bonds	150.19	149.05	- 0.45	+ 14.05	12.2
Dikla Mazyan	1020.25	1012.82	+ 0.45	+ 12.43	50.5
Dikla Maskorot Plus	136.68	136.68	+ 0.59	+ 12.37	292.5
Dikla Mekmad	433.71	430.35	+ 0.37	+ 13.06	21.1
Dikla Migvan	1967.35	1952.92	+ 0.14	+ 16.45	101.6
Dikla Mivtah	612.37	607.76	- 0.49	+ 13.76	32.7
Dikla Mivtar	558.51	554.42	+ 0.68	+ 11.21	39.3
Dovrat-Shrem bonds	168.94	167.37	+ 0.03	+ 17.97	58.4
Emda Dinamit	102.74	102.74	+ 0.14	—	67.8
Emda Hatamish	185.09	183.20	+ 0.32	+ 11.97	22.5
Emda Hamara	1136.91	1127.37	- 0.38	+ 15.52	94.6
Emda Shekli	95.67	95.67	+ 0.55	+ 12.90	274.2
Emda Tsuk	340.77	339.08	- 0.29	+ 16.67	20.4
Epsilon Corporate Bonds	127.11	126.75	- 0.71	+ 16.78	16.5
Epsilon Money Market	139.29	139.24	+ 0.48	+ 13.53	126.7
Evergreen shkoda	153.96	153.13	- 0.69	+ 18.85	38.2
Excellence bonds	2048.48	2022.04	- 0.22	—	16.5
Eyal Corporate Bonds	152.15	151.56	- 0.49	+ 15.03	13.9
Eyal shekel	130.32	130.32	+ 0.52	+ 12.67	11.4
Guy	692.89	693.93	+ 0.10	+ 19.34	125.1
Hetz	569.50	569.50	+ 0.56	+ 12.98	718.8
I.B.I shkalim	136.69	136.69	+ 0.62	+ 13.48	71.3
Ilanot Ages	444.69	442.30	+ 0.08	+ 14.93	45.8
Ilanot Alon	1992.09	1991.90	+ 0.30	+ 12.43	45.1
Ilanot Armon	150.53	149.74	+ 0.33	+ 12.71	28.5
Ilanot Eshel	765.33	761.47	+ 0.23	+ 16.79	114.0
Ilanot Erez	1061.14	1055.62	+ 0.35	+ 16.14	70.1
Ilanot Oren	4057.92	4036.66	+ 0.21	+ 17.78	155.1
Ilanot Orion	181.97	181.04	+ 0.34	+ 13.70	27.5
Ilanot Rimon	528.39	526.39	+ 0.53	+ 13.65	—
Ilanot Shahar	232.57	231.48	+ 0.26	+ 12.17	44.1
Ilanot Shaked	250.44	249.23	+ 0.33	+ 12.71	44.9
Ilanot Shkoda	161.55	160.75	+ 0.26	+ 12.05	124.3
Ilanot corp' bonds	3130.88	3114.26	- 0.49	+ 15.83	9.7
Ilanot muaztaat	101.89	101.89	+ 0.31	—	41.8
Ipax tsuot	131.47	131.04	+ 0.42	+ 18.14	16.3
Keshet	453.70	452.47	- 0.40	+ 16.76	56.8
Klali corporate bonds	205.67	205.09	- 0.50	+ 13.81	3.6
Klali zmina	167.17	167.17	+ 0.63	+ 13.55	63.6
Kur Index Dollar	201.82	201.27	- 0.34	+ 10.39	4.1
Lahak magen 95%	149.02	149.02	+ 0.15	—	177.9
Lahak shekiut	241.33	241.33	+ 0.36	+ 13.88	135.7
Lahak yesoor	176.08	176.08	+ 0.55	+ 13.44	708.2
Melkart	313.98	308.46	- 0.44	+ 21.83	36.1
Meitav Money Market	110.96	110.96	+ 0.63	+ 10.96	3.8
Meitav corp' conv' bonds	147.78	146.63	- 0.43	+ 17.82	11.0
Models shnura	105.05	105.80	+ 0.40	—	11.8
Nesua Corporate Bonds	182.59	181.56	- 0.12	+ 17.70	16.7
Ozar shkalim	124.69	124.69	+ 0.53	+ 12.71	95.2
Pia halifin	502.08	502.08	+ 0.66	+ 13.18	389.8
Pia mugamot	100.56	100.56	+ 0.13	—	117.0
Pia ophir	568.05	564.91	+ 0.38	+ 12.38	113.6
Pia or	1099.56	1093.80	- 0.42	+

MISHTANIM LEADING TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
A.Inca Hotels	417.0	0.2
Agan	9453.0	-0.5
Bank Leumi 0.1	551.0	-1.4
Bezeq	886.0	-0.4
Bromine	2897.0	0.2
Camel	2811.0	-0.5
Ciel Computers	11156.0	1.3
Ciel Electronics	52741.0	1.5
Ciel Industries	1891.0	-0.3
Ciel Insurance	3675.0	-1.3
Ciel Israel 1	102.0	2.0
Compl	300.0	0.0
Dead Sea Works 0.1	1022.0	0.3
Discount 01	15.9	1.3
Discount Bank	367.0	-0.3
Discount Inv.	9774.0	2.0
Elco	2373.0	0.0
Elisra	380.0	0.0
First Int'l 5	324297.0	-0.2
Hapoalim 0.1	826.0	-0.7
I.D.B. Dev.	7817.0	1.2
I.D.B. Holdings	7526.0	0.0
Ind Bldgs	606.0	-0.8
Israel Chemicals	475.0	-0.2
Koor	36250.0	-0.5
Koor Bond 5	143.5	0.0
Leumi Insurance	226.0	-1.3
Makhteshim	2182.0	0.2
Mehadrin	9815.0	-4.0
Osem Industries	1792.0	-1.8
Paker Steel	7872.0	0.0
Peridase	1349.0	-2.0
Rogosin	1607.0	-3.0
Shikun	85.5	1.8
Superol	985.0	-1.0
Tadiran	11919.0	0.3
Teishol	236546.0	2.2
Tevel	17057.0	1.7
United Steel	222.0	0.0
Wertheim	25653.0	-0.2

RETZEF CONTINUOUS TRADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Agis	2720.0	1.5
Ofil	8600.0	0.0
Urdan	334.0	1.2
Ormat Industries	585.0	2.1
Azorim	3760.0	0.8
Ytong Industries	870.0	-2.7
Elbit Imaging	2150.0	3.9
Elbit 0.005	1368.0	2.1
Elbit system	4450.0	-0.7
Electra	13200.0	-2.2
Electra Agp	1830.0	-3.7
Elron 0.005	[illegible]	1.8
Africa Israel 0.1	[illegible]	-2.2
Africa Israel 1	212100.0	0.0
Ackerstein Ind.	376.0	-1.1
First Int'l 1	42900.0	-0.5
Baran	2730.0	-5.2
Delek 0.1	[illegible]	0.0
Delek Car	535.0	-0.7
Development Mort	26800.0	0.0
IIDC	2010.0	-2.0
Hami Mishmar 5	10340.0	1.4
Israel Corp. 1	27300.0	1.8
Israel Corp. 5	[illegible]	-2.0
Export fin.	1000.0	-1.0
Iscomco	3.4	-2.9
Wire and Cables	1280.0	3.3
Kitan	360.0	-0.6
IEC	1709.0	2.0
General Bank	10800.0	-2.9
Leumi Mortgage	79400.0	1.8
Leader	1800.0	2.4
Lissi	4240.0	5.0
Mivtach Shamir	2300.0	2.9
Mofet	222.0	5.2
Salt Industries	1680.0	0.6
Malbu 5	6030.0	4.0
Al Paper Mills	15350.0	-0.5
Mashov	357.0	5.9
Mishkan	38000.0	2.1
Matach	2910.0	-3.3
Nice Systems	15950.0	-2.9
Prop & Bldg	25600.0	-1.5
Maritime Bank	1598.0	0.8
Secom	343.0	9.8
Mer Ezra	3400.0	1.5
Elite Ind. 5	9500.0	-0.9
Feuchtwanger 5	58000.0	3.5
Petrochemicals	2020.0	-1.0
FIBI 5	56300.0	0.3
Polgat B 4	910.0	-1.5
Phoenix Ins. 1	8020.0	0.0
Poalim Inv.	13980.0	0.4
Formula	10850.0	1.5
Karden 5	1910.0	2.6
Cold Storage 5	8270.0	-1.0
Blue Square	3270.0	0.3
Otzar Hashilton	14540.0	2.2
TAT 5	1678.0	-0.1
Team Computers	5960.0	3.5

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	LAST	CHANGE*
ATX	161.0	0.0
ATX Bond A	160.0	-0.3
Alpex	3.6	-2.6
Aboudi	76.5	-0.8
Ace-Spade	524.0	5.0
Ackerstein Bond B	165.5	0.0
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1368.0	-1.0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	6086.0	-1.2
Adacom Bond 2	0.0	0.0
Adamis	602286.0	-2.0
Adler	122.0	-0.8
Adsha	69.5	0.0
Adumim	206.0	0.0
Africa Israel Bond 2	0.0	0.0
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	131.0	0.0
Alask Ind	1951.0	0.0
Agis Warrant 2	282.0	-41.0
Agis Warrant 3	185.0	5.1
Agis Warrant 4	900.0	6.6
Agish Int'l	359.0	-1.1
Agri Investments	161.0	2.5
Al-Ben	148.5	10.2
Al-Ben Bond A	105.5	0.0
Al-Roy	3547.0	0.0
Alhe c2	93.5	1.6
Alhe w6	110.0	-3.1
Alhe w5	350.0	-6.9
Alliance	717.0	-0.8
Alonit	353.0	0.0
Alonit Warrant 2	0.0	0.0
Alony-Hetz	357.0	-1.0
Alony-Hetz Bond A	181.5	-4.7
Alrod	354.0	-0.3
Alumir	171.5	-2.0
Alumil	6810.0	3.0
Amigar	217.0	10.2
Amitec	456.0	-1.9
Aromell Warrant 1	27.5	-10.1
Amnal	460.0	0.0
Ampa Investments	96613.0	0.0
Analyst ENS	1094.0	0.0
Angel Trade	52.5	-1.9
Angel Trade Bond A	148.5	0.0
Angel Trade Bond B	121.5	-2.0
Angel Trade Bond C	84.0	-1.8
Angel Trade Warrant 2	6.9	-1.4
Applicom	2934.0	2.8
Arad	2739.0	0.5
Arad Towels	953.0	0.0
Arazim	96.5	0.0
Arazim Bond 1	234.0	0.0
Argaman	170.5	0.0
Arindan	1321.0	-3.0
Arpal	582.0	0.0
Aryt	148.5	2.1
Aryt Bond 1	145.0	3.6
Ashkelon Plywood	989.0	0.0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	232.0	0.0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	126.0	0.0
Ashtad	423.0	-0.5
Ashtad Bond A	154.0	0.0
Ashot	397.0	-0.5
Ashot Bond A	166.5	0.0
Ashpam	103.5	0.0
Ashtrom Bond 1	167.5	-0.6
Ashtrom Bond 2	152.5	-0.3
Ashtrom Ind.	544.0	-1.8
Ashtrom Prop.	258.0	-1.5
Assuta Bond 1	0.0	0.0
Astrum Bond C	102.0	0.5
Astrum Warrant 2	36.5	0.0
Astrum Warrant 3	0.0	0.0
Afilon	95.5	-0.5
Akmor	1410.0	0.3
Atzmon	319.0	0.0
Aura	3491.0	-1.2
Avanot	549.0	0.0
Avanot Bond A	152.0	-4.1
Averbuch Formica	884.0	-0.3
Avty	584.0	0.0
Aviv Bond 1	148.5	0.0
Avner	2.0	0.0
Avalon	826.0	1.0
Azmuth	401.0	-2.0
Azorim Prop.	669.0	0.0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	169.5	-1.7
Azorim Warrant T	0.0	0.0
Azorim Warrant A	1010.0	2.5
Azorim Warrant B	1163.0	1.2
Badash Bond 1	73.5	0.0
Batil	302.0	0.0
Batelline 1	470.0	-4.5
Batelline Bond A	126.0	0.0
Batelline Warrant 2	75.0	30.4
Batron	1554.0	0.0
Bamerkaz	70.0	-5.0
Bamerkaz Bond A	142.5	0.0
Bar	400.0	3.9
Bar Bond A	121.0	1.3
Barad	254.0	1.4
Baranowitz	510.0	0.0
Baranowitz Bond 1	165.5	0.0
Barkan	771.0	-1.3
Barsol	195.0	0.0
Bartal	120.0	0.0
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0.0
Bayside 1	431290.0	-2.3
Bayside 5	2255150.0	1.0
Bayside Bond 1	0.0	0.0

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Belmon	258.0	0.0
Ben Yakar Bond A	168.0	-0.3
Ben Yakar Bond B	99.5	-0.5
Ben Yakar Gal	4446.0	0.0
Ben Yakar Warrant 2	99.5	-0.5
Berman	145.0	0.0
Blu	966.0	0.0
Blu Bond A	168.5	0.6
Besar	585.0	0.0
Bin	298.0	0.0
Bonei Tichon	480.0	0.0
Bonjour	230.0	0.0
Boulous Brothers	145.0	-1.0
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	252.0	0.0
Boulous GD	483.0	-3.8
Boulous GD Bond A	137.0	0.0
Brand	88.0	0.0
Brill	94.5	0.0
Broit Side	35.1	0.0
Broch	148.5	0.0
Building Bank	2676.0	0.0
Building Resour.	3315.0	0.0
C Holdings	822.0	2.0
C Holdings Bond 5	123.0	-0.4
C Holdings Warrant 3	105.0	2.9
CDI	200.0	5.3
Ci Systems	183.0	0.0
Caesarea 1	8015.0	0.0
Capital	728.0	0.0
Capital Bond A	117.0	0.0
Caprice	534.0	-3.1
Cargal	802.0	1.0
Carmel	473.0	0.0
Carmiel	630.0	-0.6
Casiro	887.0	-1.2
Catalena 1	747.0	10.0
Catalena 5	0.0	0.0
Cemerical	954.0	-1.0
Centra	143.0	-1.7
Centra Bond 1	144.0	-0.3
Centra Warrant B	8.9	-10.1
Chem	492.0	1.0
Chayun Computers	126.0	0.0
Chemigal	402.0	-5.2
Chim-Mir	357.0	-4.0
Cotab	208.0	-2.8
Ciel Computer Warrant 3	1359.0	-5.2
Ciel Industries Bond	204.0	0.0
Ciel Israel 5	469.0	0.0
Ciel Retail	54871.0	-4.0
Ciel Trade	901.0	2.5
Cohen Beni	180.5	0.0
Cohen Dev.	803.0	0.0
Cohen Mill	240.0	-5.1
Cold Storage 1	1676.0	0.0
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	251.0	0.4
Compl Warrant 1	40.0	1.3
Computec	268.0	0.0
Contech	379.0	0.0
Contrans	1459.0	1.9
Cortial	1029.0	0.0
Contractors	20099.0	0.0
Coral Beach	1393.0	0.0
Credit Line	6.4	-8.9
Credit Lines Bond A	40.6	-4.0
Cyclone 1	2469.0	0.0
Cyclone Bond 1	249.0	0.8
Cyclone Bond 2	144.0	1.1
DARBAN BOND 2	104.5	0.5
DARBAN W2	124.0	-5.0
DSL	1287.0	0.0
DVG Industries	597.0	0.0
Dalron	1456.0	5.0
Dalron Bond 1	346.0	0.0
Dalia	3.1	0.0
Dan Hotels	932.0	1.0
Dan Rent-A-Car	587.0	-3.0
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	152.5	0.0
Danber 1	4078.0	0.0
Danber 5	20715.0	-2.0
Danbar Bond A	339.0	0.0
Danber Resources	8323.0	-0.5
Danber Resources Bond B	162.5	-0.9
Danbar Tech.	7391.0	-0.2
Danber Technologies Bond A	155.5	0.3
Dander	296.0	0.0
Danel	34.1	-0.8
Danel Bond 1	0.0	0.0
Danel Bond 2	0.0	0.0
Danel Personnel	2824.0	-2.9
Dankner	1854.0	-0.5
Dankner Bond 1	206.0	0.0
Dankner Bond 2	144.0	0.0
Darby	921.0	0.0
Darad	128.0	0.0
Darban	860.0	0.0
Darban Bond A	162.0	0.0
Darban Warrant 3	116.0	-4.9
Dares	118.5	0.0
Darlon	146.0	0.0
Data	781.0	0.0
Decision Systems	391.0	0.0
Decision Systems Warrant 2	109.5	0.0
Degem Systems	533.0	0.0
Delek Drilling	10.8	0.0
Delek Oil	1548.0	-1.0
Delta 1	1327.0	-5.0
Delta 3	3778.0	-3.3
Dexiny	1261.0	0.0
Digal	119.0	0.0
Direct	1896.0	0.0
Dimoni	7411.0	0.0
Discount s03	12.8	0.0
Discount s12	0.0	0.0
Dotav	449.0	-0.9
Dotav Bond A	143.0	0.0
Domicar	418.0	1.7
Domicar Bond	182.0	0.0
Dor Chilin	386.0	-1.0
Dorc w1	108.0	0.0
Dorea	65.0	0.0
Dorf c1	98.5	-0.5
Dorl Engineering	503.0	-1.5
Dorl Engineering Bond A	143.5	0.0
Dovrat Bond A	140.0	2.2
Dovrat Shiron	1028.0	-2.5
Dovrat Shiron Warrant 3	204.0	-8.3
Dubek M	2.5	0.0
Dubek S	2.5	0.0
Dunitz	392.0	1.1
E & M Computing	1096.0	-4.0
ESE	1674.0	0.0
Edgar Albert	193.5	0.0
Edgar Industries	178.0	-0.8
Edgar Industries Bond 2	179.5	0.0
Eilat Bond A	98.0	0.0
Eld	222.0	-0.4
Elam	298.0	0.0
El Bad	1955.0	-8.0
El Carit	1113.0	0.0
El Carit Bond 1	167.0	3.1
Elad	898.0	5.8
Elad Bond A	174.5	-0.5
Elad Bond B	148.0	0.0
Elad c3	77.0	-0.6
Elad w5	69.0	0.0
Elbit Computers Bond B	116.0	0.0
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	1347.0	-2.0
Eco Industries	5815.0	0.0
Eden Tech.	31.1	3.0
Electra Bond	0.0	0.0
Electronics Line	501.0	1.0
Elgar	4363.0	0.0
Elisha	463.0	0.0
Elite Ind. 1	1869.0	0.0
Eltech Ind.	883.0	2.2
Elta	408.0	0.0
Elta Bond A	147.0	0.0
Elran	3322.0	-2.2
Elron Warrant 2	2187.0	-0.5
Emek	139.0	0.0
Emyle	468.0	0.0
Engel Const.	917.0	9.5
Engel Construction Bond	158.0	0.0
Eshed Robotech	330.0	-3.9
Even	287.0	0.0
Evergreen	2812.0	3.2
Excellence	2033.0	-0.5
Exlar	205.0	0.0
Feldman	148.5	-2.3
Feldman Bond A	152.0	0.0
Feldman Ind.	212.0	-8.8
Feldman Warrant 3	41.9	0.0
Fertilizers 1	77.0	-0.6
Fertilizers 5	0.0	0.0
Feuchtwanger 1	10587.0	-2.3
Fidelis	2418.0	0.0
First Int'l Mort	53349.0	-1.0
Five J Jewellers	528.0	0.2
Five J Jewellers Bond 2	121.0	-2.0
Formica Source	269.0	-0.3
Fruitarom	318.0	-0.6
Gahelet	14590.0	-0.5
Galcom	178.5	0.0
Galran	1428.0	0.0
Gama	213.0	0.0
Gamatronic	611.0	-1.9
Gambit	1700.0	0.0
Gan Shmuel Bond A	98.0	-1.0
Gan Shmuel Warrant 3	229.0	0.0
Gan Shmuel	906.0	-0.2
Ganel Hadar	369.0	0.0
Ganel Hadar Bond A	0.0	0.0
Gap Development	123.5	0.0
Gap Holdings	301.0	2.0
Gazit	717.0	-1.0
Gazit Bond A	0.0	0.0
Gazit Bond B	140.5	-0.4
Gazit Bond C	117.5	0.0
Gazit Warrant 4	18.5	-19.0
Gibor Bond 1	81.0	-4.7
Gibor Sabrina	86.0	0.0
Gibor Sport	780.0	-1.0
Giltone	148.5	-9.9
Gilat	180.5	0.0
Gilmar	1297.0	-1.0
Givot Olam Oil	153.0	0.0
Glob Ri	835.0	-0.5
Golan	832.0	0.0
Gold	800.0	0.0
Golden House	421.0	-1.2
Golden House Bond 1	251.0	0.0
Golev	176.0	9.7
Granit Bond	136.5	-0.7
Granit Bond 2	133.5	0.0
Granit Hacarmel	567.0	0.0
Green Software	117.5	-10.0
Greenberg	399.0	0.0
Groll	0.0	0.0
H. Electronics	75.5	0.0
H. Mor	947.0	0.0
HL Service Bond 1	0.0	0.0
HL Service Bond 2	181.0	0.0
HL Service Bond 3	143.0	0.3
HL Services	2245.0	0.0
Habas	3702.0	0.0
Habas Bond 1	138.0	0.4
Hader 1	22686.0	0.0
Hader 5	83401.0	0.0
Hader Ins. 1	772.0	0.0
Hader Ins. 5	3529.0	-3.5
Hadarim Bond1	115.5	0.4
Hadarim Prop.	6373.0	0.0
Hadarim Warrant1	1801.0	-0.5
Hagal	330.0	0.0
Hagai Bond A	0.0	0.0
Hagai Bond B	152.5	0.0
Ham-Lev	2053.0	-3.0
Hamelior	516.0	0.0
Hanel	3.3	-2.9
Harel Bond A	448.0	0.0
Harel Mishpar 1	3879.0	0.0
Hasin Esh	585.0	0.0
Hason	223.0	0.0

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Hatehol 1	213.0	0.0
Hatehol 5	0.0	0.0
Hatehol Bond A	141.5	0.0
Hed Arzi Music	408.0	-1.9
Hinon 1	10369.0	0.0
Hinon 5	39401.0	0.5
Hod	204.0	0.0
Hol	648.0	2.5
Holit	108.0	-0.9
Hydrolica	146.0	-1.7
IES Industries	838.0	-1.2
IES Warrant 1	200.0	-2.4
ILDC Bond 6	247.0	0.0
ILDC Bond 7	0.0	0.0
ILDC Hotels	431.0	1.2
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	168.0	0.0
ILDC Insurance	412.0	4.0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	133.5	0.0
ILDC Warrant 11	0.0	0.0
ISTA LINES	1308.0	1.5
Ilan Gat	312.0	-1.0
Ilan Gat Bond A	156.5	0.0
Imco	1232.0	-3.0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	107.0	-3.2
Ind Bldgs R1	89.0	-8.0
Ind.Dev.Bank C	256.0	1.2
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2470.0	0.0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2497.0	0.0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1723.0	0.0
Independence Mon.	85789.0	-0.5
Intercosma	903.0	0.0
Intergamma 1	2884.0	0.0
Intergamma 5	14219.0	0.0
Iscar	1250.0	-0.5
Isras	3959.0	0.0
Isracolor	487.0	-3.0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	134.0	0.0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	173.0	0.3
Israel Wire and Cables Warrant 2	0.0	0.0
Isralom	1110.0	0.5
Israfom Bond B	258.0	0.0
Isras 1	7032.0	-2.0
Isras 5	30885.0	-1.5
Isras Bond A	247.0	0.0
Israel	901.0	1.0
Israel Warrant 1	2.9	0.0
JCT	22.1	-2.2
JOEL	128.5	-1.9
JOEL Bond 1A	226.0	0.0
JOEL Bond 2	128.5	0.0
JOEL Bond A	212.0	-5.8
JOEL Warrant 3	5.4	0.0
Jakora	949.0	-1.2
Jatora Bond A	209.0	0.0
Jayasur	773.5	0.0
Jayasur Bond A	111.0	-4.7
Jerusalem Mort	221.0	-3.1
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	160.5	-4.7
Jeunesse	30.2	0.0
Kadmati	149.5	0.0
Kadouri	245.0	0.0
Kaint	1153.0	-1.5
Kallalit Bond A	98.0	0.0
Kallalit warrant 2	338.0	-8.1
Kamour	413.0	0.0
Kamour Bond G	139.5	-0.4
Kamour Warrant H	28.0	-0.3
Kanitol	18.5	-2.5
Kanitol Bond A	68.0	0.0
Kardan 1	420.0	2.2
Katz	126.0	0.0
Katz Bond A	69.0	0.0
Kedem Chemicals	3107.0	-0.5
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	223.0	0.0
Keniker	434.0	-0.9
Kesher	767.0	0.0
Kesher Bond A	152.0	0.3
Keter	801.0	0.0
Kind	14.1	-0.7
Kind Bond A	46.0	0.0
King	365.0	0.0
Kinneret	198.5	0.0
Kisch Kfar	159.0	-2.8
Kahrei Teuta	782.0	-1.3
Kitai	484.0	-1.2
Kitai Bond A	157.5	0.0
Kitai Bond A	122.0	-0.4
Kitai Warrant 1	28.7	-0.7
Kitan Bond A	0.0	0.0
Kill Ind. 1	0.0	0.0
Kill Ind. 5	6883.0	0.5
Knehalim	2948.0	-0.8
Kofer Warrant 1	300.0	-22.5
Kopel	185.5	0.0
Kopel Bond 1	248.0	-0.4
LAMS	259.0	3.1
La Nationale Bond A	140.0	0.0
La Nationale Pref	100.5	0.0
Lachish	7494.0	0.0
Lemont	710.0	0.0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	3.6	0.0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	73.5	-0.7
Lesam	475.0	0.0
Levtov	1281.0	0.0
Lezrick Bldg	511.0	0.0
Lezrick Custom Clns	226.0	-0.9
Lezrick Commercial Cleaning Bond A	128.0	0.4
Lezrick Ind Bldgs	420.0	-0.5
Lezrick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	151.0	-1.6
Leader Warrant B	330.0	-14.3
Lago	385.0	0.0
Leumi Mortgage Bond 134	143.0	0.0
Leumi Mortgage Warrant 1	0.0	0.0
Leumi F8	27.5	0.0
Leumi R4	50.0	1.8
Leventhal	418.0	-0.5
Levi	726.0	-0.5
Levi Bond A	140.0	0.0
Lewinstein Bond A	95.5	-0.5
Lewinstein Warrant 2	554.0	-3.5
Lewinstein	1160.0	-1.3
Liber	520.0	0.0
Lidan	1810.0	-1.0
Lihavir 1	233.0	-10.0
Lihavir 5	995.0	0.0
Ligad	863.0	0.0
Ligad Bond 1	192.0	0.0
Lighterage 1	651.0	0.0
Lipman	2783.0	0.5
Lipski	2683.0	-0.2
Lipski Bond A	165.0	-0.3
Lirez Bond A	157.0	0.0
Lodzia 1	1229.0	-3.0
Lodzia 4	4816.0	-3.0
Luhot Galil	68.0	0.0
Luhot Galil Bond 1	134.5	-1.5
Lumir	4563.0	-2.0
MM Engineering	326.0	-1.5
MM Engineering Bond A	135.5	-1.5
MM Engineering Warrant 2	13.9	0.0
MTI Computers	339.0	0.0
Ma'ariv	1414.0	-4.0
Ma'ariv Bond A	122.5	0.4
Maabarot	1102.0	0.0
Macpell	1151.0	0.0
Macpell Bond A	137.0	0.0
Macpell Bond B	117.0	0.0
Mafil	695.0	-2.0
Magam	192.0	-5.0
Magam Bond A	171.5	0.5
Magam Bond B	125.0	-0.4
Magav	305.0	0.0
Magal Warrant 1	33.0	0.0
Magma	77.5	9.9
Magma Warrant 1	16.0	0.0
Magor 1	2832.0	0.0
Magor 5	12481.0	-2.0
Mahal	377.0	-1.3
Mahal Bond A	214.0	0.0
Mail	68.5	0.0
Malbu 1	1202.0	0.0
Malbu Bond B	172.5	-0.9
Malta	1291.0	0.0
Maman	722.0	2.0
Man	186.0	0.0
Man Bond A	240.0	0.0
Manitu	37.4	-0.5
Marathon	102.5	0.0
Marathon Insured	110.5	0.0
Mario Lezrick Constr. Bond 1	168.0	0.0
Mario Lezrick Constr. Bond 2	148.0	0.0
Maritime Bank Bond A	194.5	0.0
Maritime Bank Bond B	141.5	0.0
Maritime Bank Warrant 6	14.2	5.2
Mashav	790.0	-0.3
Mashov	110.0	0.0
Mashov Marketing Warrant 1	13.5	33.7
Matam	1645.0	-1.0
Maxima 1	924.0	-0.5
Maxima 5	4953.0	0.0
Mazpak	615.0	0.3
Med. Hotels	112.5	1.4
Medtechnics	957.0	-3.0
Medtechnics Bond A	153.5	0.0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	148.5	-0.3
Megason	57.5	0.0
Mei Eden	1726.0	-2.0
Meimad	636.0	-1.7
Melir Ezra Bond B	246.0	0.0
Melet	421.0	-0.5
Melisaron	1104.0	-0.7
Melisaron Warrant 2	0.0	0.0
Mendelson	240.0	0.0
Menorim	74.0	0.0
Menorah Ins. 1	1615.0	-1.8
Menorah Ins. 5	7553.0	-0.7
Merkazit	684.0	0.0
Mercazit Warrant 2	210.0	-0.8
Merhav	222.0	0.0
Meyloni	705.0	0.6
Middle East Tube	479.0	0.0
Middle East Tube Bond A	110.5	0.0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	44.1	10.5
Milmor Bond A	169.0	0.0
Milmor	1851.0	-2.0
Minner	187.5	0.5
Mint Line	579.0	0.0
Minrav	14975.0	-2.0
Mirage	170.0	-1.2
Mirage Bond A	134.5	0.0
Mirage Warrant 1	38.6	-1.5
Miromit	60.0	0.0
Michael	19.0	0.0
Mishael Bond B	58.0	0.0
Mishor Bond 2	152.5	-1.0
Mishor Hahol	309.0	0.0
Mifaran	157.0	0.0
Mivtech Shemir	853.0	-1.0
Mizrahi Inv.	11956.0	-1.5
Modgal	791.0	0.0
Modiin	2.8	7.7
Mofet Convertible Bond AAA	306.0	4.4
Mokat	651.0	0.0
More Plastic Ind.	296.0	0.0
Moshlowitz	225.0	0.0
Moshlowitz Warrant 2	133.0	6.0
Mula Senter	452.0	10.0
NATSVA BOND A	106.5	0.5
NATSVA REGULAR	1636.0	0.0
NMC	380.0	-0.9
NYP	1288.0	0.0
Nachshon Fund	52.5	0.0
Naphtha	535.0	3.3
Naphtha Barkan Bond 5	0.0	0.0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	28.2	-2.1
Nativ	401.0	-2.0
Navigator	184.5	-0.5
Navigator Bond A	0.0	0.0
Navigator Property	33.1	0.0
Neca	0.0	0.0
Neca Bond A	0.0	0.0
Nechushtan Prop.	227.0	-0.4
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	136.5	0.0
Negev Ceramics	237.0	-2.9
Nehushtan 1	798.0	0.0
Nehushtan 5	3642.0	0.5
Neot Ami	7571.0	0.0
Neoua	504.0	0.0
Neve Arbel	96.0	0.0
Nevilim Hotels	441.0	0.0
Nivoit	803.0	-0.5
Nir	387

	LAST	CHANGE*
Total Pet N Am	-	-
Toys R Us	33.6875	+0.0625
Transamerica	101.375	-1.1875
Transco Energy	58.3125	-0.125
Travellers Grp	71.625	-1.4375
Tribune	56.625	+0
TRINOVA Corp	-	-
Triton Energy	39.0625	+0.0625
TWA	7.25	-0.0625
Tyco Labs	38.0625	-0.1875
Tyler	5.4375	-0.125
-		
UAL Corp	85.75	+0
USG Corp	47.4375	-0.0625
UST Inc	29.9375	+0
USX Marathon	35.875	+0.3125
USX-US Steel	35.9375	-0.3125
Unicom Corp	28.0625	+0.0625
Unilever NV	31.625	+0.1875
Union Camp	55.75	-0.125
Union Carbide	44.875	+0.4375
Union Electric	37.75	-0.0625
Union Pacific	59.1875	-0.75
Unisys Corp	13.8125	+0.0625
USAIR Group	48.25	+0.25
USF&G Corp	20.75	-0.25
US Home	35.3125	+0.4375
US Life	-	-
US Robotics	-	-
US Surgical	26.625	-0.125
US Trust	59.4375	-0.3125
US West	41.6875	-0.3125
United Tech	70.375	-0.875
Unocal Corp	40.9375	-0.0625
-		
VF Corp	91.375	+0.375
Valero Energy	30.75	-0.1875
Varian Assoc	59	-0.625
Viacom Inc	31.5	+1
Vishay	21.5625	-1.25
Vulcan Materials	90	-1.5625
-		
Wachovia	73.5	+0.9375
Walgreen	30.625	+0.5625
Wal-Mart Stores	37.5	+0.875
Warner-Lambert	136.375	+0.5625
*Wash Gas Light	26.5	+0.0625
*Washington Post	441	-0.75
*Waste Mgmnt Inc	24.8125	+0.3125
*Watkins-Johnson	30.375	-0.4375
*Wells Markets	35.5	-0.1875
*Wells Fargo	280.375	-2.25
*Wendy's Intl	20.9375	+0.125
*Westinghouse El	28.25	-0.0625
*Weyerhaeuser	32.125	-0.8125
*Whirlpool	48.375	-0.875
Whitman	53.5	-2.75
Williams Co	24.9375	-0.9375
Winn Dixie Stos	51	-0.125
Woolworth	38.625	+0.3125
World Comm	20	+0
Worthington Ind	20.25	-0.6875
Wrigley	20.4375	-0.0625
-	74.125	-0.5625
Xerox	79.9375	-1.4375
-		
Yellow Freight	26.5625	-0.3125
-		
Zenith Electron	8.3125	+0
Zero Co	27.4375	-0.0625

	LAST	CHANGE*
Porsche	-	-

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 11-NOV-97)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	3.8406	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.537	0
British Pound (1)	5.9485	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.0596	0
French Franc (1)	0.6152	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.8506	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.53	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.5116	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.1024	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	4.9695	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	7535.16	-17.43
DJ Transport	3146.38	+3.37
DJ Utils	244.59	+1.48
DJ Comp	2468.77	+0.08
NYSE Industr	506.95	+0.06
NYSE Transport	451.79	-0.65
NYSE Comp	484.49	-0.38
S&P 100	579.88	+2.32
S&P Spot Index	921.48	+0.35

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4793.7	-13.1
Tokyo Nikkei	15867.2	+170
Singapore all-share index	427.46	+6.27
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	10004.1	+11.3
Israel Index	254.69	-3.34
Paris CAC 40	2669.71	-82.11
DAX	3752.53	+32.64
Madrid	551.83	-3.11
Swiss Bank	2490.71	+9.33
Sydney	2524	+2.4
Milan	930.15	+3.95

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.7042	+0.003
Dec.future (CME)	1.6928	-0
D-mark: spot	1.7094	+0.0045
Dec.future (CME)	0.5868	-0
S-franc: spot	1.38	+0.0083
Dec.future (CME)	0.7225	-0
Yen: spot	125.1	+0.94
Dec.future (CME)	0.00808	-0
CanDlr: spot	1.407	-0.0001
Dec.future (CME)	0.7124	-0
AusDlr: spot	0.6973	-0.0014
Dec.future (CME)	0.6964	-0
F-franc: spot	5.7238	+0.0179
It Lira: spot	1672	-2
Nlg: spot	1.9243	+0.0023
AutSchg: spot	12.05	+0.0369
Rand: spot	4.813	-0.015
ECU: spot	1.1685	+0.0007

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1621	+10
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	156.25	-0.6
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	349.5	+0.5
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	737.75	+16
Sugar (Mar) (CEC)	12.35	+0.17
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	71.55	+0
Bonds Dec.future	117.938	0
S and P Dec.future	925.3	-0.9

LONDON

Allied Domecq	509	+26
BAT Inds	535	-2.5
BT	456.5	+8.75
BTR	203	+1
Barclays	1503	-6
Bass	828	+2
Boots	656.5	+3.5
British Airways	580	+0.5
British Gas	-	-
General Electric	391	+3.5
Grand Met	546.5	+1
Glaxo	1251	-25
Guinness	547	+3.5
HSBC (750 shs)	1416	+2
Hanson	-	-
ICI	965	-11
Land Securities	992	+0.5
Lloyds Bank	744.5	+1.5
Marks & Spencer	573	-0.5
NatWest Bank	866	+16.5
Prudential	654	+12.5
Reuters	539	-4
Sainsbury	486	-4
Shell Transport	404.5	-7
Unilever	481	-1.25

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	1037	-5
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	1610	+10
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	-	-

PARIS

Accor	1038	-39
Air Liquide	-	-
Alcatel Alsthom	387	-13
Euro Disney	-	-
Saint Gobain	786	-21

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	4.99	+0.11

FRANKFURT

Allianz AG	-	-
BASF	-	-
Bayer	59	-0.4
Commerzbank	-	-
Daimler-Benz	111.2	+0.7
Deutsche Bank	-	-
Dresdner Bk	-	-
Hoechst	-	-
Lufthansa	30.6	-0.2
Mannesmann	771	-15
Metallgesellschaft	34.05	-0.45

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	310.6	-0.6
Silver (Dec)	4.905	+0.042
Platinum (Jan)	389.3	+1.9
Palladium (Dec)	208.35	+2.7
High-grade copper (Dec)	0.894	0

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	310.6	+0.8
Gold PM fix	312.85	+1.9
Silver fix	493.6	+6.8

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 22:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 11-NOV-97)

TASE little changed in mixed trading

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks finished mixed yesterday, as investors awaited earnings reports and Friday's upcoming announcement of the consumer price index.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Israel's largest drugmaker, advanced 1.75 percent to 170.57 shekels ($48.27) as it reported third-quarter earnings gained 50 percent on higher sales of generic drugs in North America. The profit was in line with expectations.

The Maof Index of 25 stocks eased 0.03 percent to 288.32. The Mishtanim Index rose 0.03 percent to 279.43. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index rose 0.12 percent to 95.29.

"People are watching earnings and waiting for the consumer price index," said Dan Alt, a broker at Nesuah Trading in Tel Aviv. Alt expects prices rose 0.5 percent in October.

Moshe Jonas, who runs the Jerusalem office of Moritz and Tuchler, is awaiting the results from Elco Industries Ltd., Electra Consumer Products Ltd. and Electra Israel Ltd., which he said should be "quite good."

Jonas suggested that the CPI rose about 0.5 percent for October. If the figure comes in around 0.5 percent, will central bank Governor Jacob Frenkel cut rates?

"I can't imagine that he couldn't do it, but we've had so many surprises," Jonas said.

Europe

European stocks closed mixed as a stronger dollar helped exporters reverse earlier declines and the US market opened higher. Spanish stocks fell as Asia's turmoil spread to Latin America, where Spanish companies are heavily invested.

"Latin America is negatively affecting the large banks, especially (Banco Bilbao) and Santander," said Enrique Marazuela, chief investment officer at Aegon Insurance, which manages 65 billion pesetas ($448 million) in mutual funds. "The crisis in Latin America continues."

Spain's IBEX 35 Index fell 0.91 percent to 6221.04, the U.K.'s FTSE 100 Index dropped 0.27 percent to 4793.7 and Germany's DAX Ibis Index of 30 leading stocks gained 0.17 percent to 3734.79. French and Belgian markets were closed in observance of the Armistice Day holiday.

German stocks were mixed after the dollar reversed an early decline against the mark, which depressed shares in export companies. Among exporters, Henkel KGaA, which makes about 70 percent of its sales abroad, rose 2 marks to 90 and Siemens AG, which exports about 60 percent of its products, fell 2.15 pfennigs to 102.7 marks.

British stocks fell after a higher-than-expected inflation report renewed concern that interest rates are headed higher.

Maof 288.32 ▼ 0.03%

Dow Jones 7558 ▲ 0.08%

FTSE 4793.70 ▼ 0.27%

Nikkei 15867.23 ▲ 1.08%

The government's preferred measure of UK consumer prices rose 2.8 percent in October from the year earlier, up from 2.7 percent in September and above analyst forecasts of 2.7 percent. Losses were tempered by gains in food and alcohol stocks.

Asia

Japanese stocks rebounded, led by banks such as Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., amid concern the stock market's recent plunge would hamper banks' ability to meet capital-adequacy requirements.

"If banks lose their latent profits on equity holdings, the entire financial system is at risk," said Shigemi Nonaka, managing director at Sakura Asset Management Co., which handles 700 billion yen ($5.6 billion).

"Public money helped support the banks from falling further, but unless there's a change in policy it can only have a short-term effect."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 170.03 points, or 1.08 percent, to 15,867.23, the biggest one-day gain in two weeks. The Nikkei has fallen 8.7 percent in a month.

The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange gained 14.37 points, or 1.19 percent, to 1224.95. The bank-laden Topix has fallen 10 percent in a month.

Japanese banks can use unrealized assets on equity holdings to meet the Bank for International Settlements' capital-adequacy ratios.

As the benchmark index drops, those latent profits decrease, putting banks – already stretched with trillions of yen in bad loans – further at risk.

With the Nikkei at 16,000, almost a third of Japan's top 20 banks post latent losses. If the Nikkei drops to 15,000, almost half post losses, according to Ikuyo Yushiro, a bank analyst at Smith Barney International.. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) – Blue-chip stocks managed slim gains yesterday, but the broad market was mixed again after drifting through a lazy holiday session with no bond trading or major economic reports to motivate investors.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.14 points to 7,558.73.

Broader blue-chip measures also turned higher just before the close, but those indexes dominated by smaller companies and technology issues failed to recover.

Still, with the Treasury market closed for Veterans Day and today's Federal Reserve meeting looming, there was little conviction behind the stock market's moves in either direction.

While Fed officials might be tempted to raise interest rates to ease inflationary pressures in the US, such a move is seen as unlikely because it could fuel another wave of global financial turmoil by drawing more investment capital away from foreign markets.

The Dow's weakest components were Eastman Kodak, which fell sharply after announcing a cost-cutting plan that will eliminate 10,000 jobs, and Caterpillar, which fell after a downgrade by Oppenheimer. Kodak's shares had rallied in recent days in anticipation of a restructuring announcement.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 10-to-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,336 up, 1,483 down and 593 unchanged.

The Standard and Poor's 500-stock list rose 2.65 to 923.78 and the NYSE composite index rose 0.79 to 485.66. But those measures dominated by secondary issues ended lower. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.97 to 433.43, the Nasdaq composite index fell 5.86 to 1,584.86 and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 0.04 to 680.43.

Yen falls to six-month low

The dollar rose above 125 yen yesterday for the first time in six months, amid expectations Japan's economy won't improve enough in the foreseeable future to trigger higher interest rates.

The yen also has been undermined by doubts that an economic stimulus plan to be released Friday by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party will do much to boost the economy. Faith in Japan's ability to climb out of recession has been undermined by recent tumbles in stock markets and currencies elsewhere in Asia, which is seen as spilling over into Japan.

"The situation in Japan has taken a turn for the worse," said Francis Breden, currency economist at Lehman Brothers International Ltd. "There may be more to [the stimulus package] than is expected, but it's not influencing people's minds at the moment."

The dollar rose as high as 125.38 yen, its strongest since reaching 125.76 on May 7.

It fell below 1.70 marks in Asian trading for the first time in five months and was last at 1.7091.

The dollar's climb has been restrained by concern Japanese and US officials won't tolerate a weaker yen, as that would widen the politically sensitive trade gap between the two countries. The lack of comments from officials so far, as the dollar has climbed above 125 yen, has encouraged traders to push the dollar higher, Breden said.

The LDP's economic package will be followed by the government's own economic revival plan next week. The first package the LDP unveiled last month was dismissed by analysts and investors as inadequate to boost growth and failed to support the yen. Japan's parliament passed legislation last week to reduce the deficit from this year's 5.4 percent of gross domestic product to 3% or less by March 2004. That makes it difficult for the government to stimulate growth through either spending or tax cuts.

Dollar 3.5340 ▼ 0.09%

Basket 3.8464 ▲ 0.15%

Mark 2.0706 ▲ 0.53%

Sterling 6.0311 ▲ 1.39%

A weaker yen boosts Japanese exports by making them cheaper. Some analysts see Japan willing to tolerate a weaker yen as rising exports help economic growth. Still, US officials, under pressure from exporters in that country, have repeatedly warned Japan not to export its way out of recession.

The mark also set a six-month high against the yen, as German interest rates are seen heading higher while Japan's stay at their record low.

The Bank of Japan has kept its benchmark discount rate for overnight loans at an all-time low of 0.5% since September 1995. Germany's Bundesbank last month lifted its benchmark overnight rate, the securities repurchase rate, from its record low 3.0% to 3.30%.

The US Federal Reserve is expected to keep its fed funds target rate for overnight loans unchanged at 5.5% after its policy setting Open Market Committee meets today.

Greater than expected gains in employment and average wages in October, though, fueled talk rates are headed higher in the months ahead. Tumbling stock markets around the world could be another influence on rate decisions, analysts said.

Weakness in stocks has raised concern that the global economy will slow down, relieving inflation pressure in the US. (Bloomberg)

Oil rises on UN-Iraq tension

Precious metals

December gold rose as much as $4.60 to $315.70 an ounce on the Comex division of the Nymex. Jewelers have stepped up their purchases to take advantage of recent low prices.

Gold futures plunged in late October, after the Swiss government accepted a proposal to sell 800 metric tons of gold from the central bank's reserves, though not before 2000.

Traders speculate that other central banks could sell gold before Switzerland.

Oil

Crude oil futures prices in London rose, lifted as Iraq refused US weapons inspectors access to sites in Iraq for the eighth time and as it threatened to suspend its cooperation with the UN team.

Iraq wants to expel American members of the UN inspection team looking for banned weapons of mass destruction. Iraq also has said it considers US planes looking for weapons sites to be part of a US spying mission and that it will shoot them down.

The war of words could spill over into conflict, brokers said, and throw the area's stability, and oil exports, into jeopardy as happened in 1990 when Iraq invaded Kuwait. That would affect a quarter of the world's supply. December Brent rose 12 cents to $19.57 a barrel.

Gold $312.05 ▲ 1.95%

Crude Oil $19.60 ▲ 0.15%

CRB 242.31 ▲ 1.21%

Others

Zinc rose from a nine-month low reached Monday amid expectations of lower Chinese exports in 1997 and on speculation that a recent tumble in the metal's price may force the postponement of plans to restart a zinc mine in Canada.

China is likely to export only about 350,000 metric tons of refined zinc next year, down from a forecast 500,000 tons in 1997, according to Macquarie Equities Ltd. Zinc for three months delivery rose $18 to $1,203 a metric ton on the London Metal Exchange.

Nickel rose for a second day as brokers reported a union blockade at a New Caledonia port may delay deliveries of refined metal in Europe. Eramet SA invoked "force majeure" on deliveries from its nickel refinery in Sandouville, France, according to Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's daily base metals report.

Three-month nickel rose $100 to $6,410 a ton on the London Metal Exchange. (Bloomberg)

UK bonds slide as inflation heightens rate concern

While US bond markets were closed yesterday in observance of Veterans Day, UK bonds fell after inflation rose faster than expected last month, increasing concern about how high official interest rates will rise.

The benchmark 7.25 percent 10-year UK government bond fell 23/32, or 72 pence per 100 pound bond, to 104 4/32. The yield rose 9 basis points to 6.67 percent. The December long gilt futures contract fell 23/32 to 117 20/32.

Retail price inflation rose 0.1 percent in October from September, taking the annual headline rate to 3.7 percent.

Meanwhile the government's targeted measure, retail prices excluding mortgage interest payments, rose 0.1 percent from September, taking the annual rate to 2.8 percent. Economists had expected the annual rate to be unchanged from September at 2.7 percent.

"The inflation data was slightly worse than forecast, and gilts are reflecting expectations that interest rates probably have to rise half-a-point from here rather than the quarter-point they were discounting," said Andrew Milligan, senior economic adviser at GA Investment Management, which controls about $45 billion of assets.

The yield on the December short sterling futures contract, a measure of interest-rate expectations, rose 7 basis points to 7.69 percent. That's high enough above current base rates to suggest traders and investors expect a quarter-point rise in official rates by mid-December.

US 30 -yearT-bill yield

Moreover, the yield on the June 1998 contract rose 12 basis points to 7.85 percent, showing expectations for a further rise in the first half of next year have increased. The yield has risen 44 basis points in the past week.

Milligan at GA says the short sterling contracts now represent a more realistic profile for official rates, which he sees peaking at 7.75 percent by the middle of 1998.

Some traders disagree. "The sell-off in short sterling is overdone," said Chris Renwick, a gilts trader at WestLB. "Prices are distorted by the lack of trading. Somebody steps in to sell and the contract is marked down 2 or 3 basis points."

Renwick said trading volumes in both gilts and short sterling contracts were low, because the US bond market, often a source of direction for other bond markets, was closed.

Among shorter-maturity gilts – those most responsive to changes in expectations for official interest rates – the yield on the 6 percent, two-year note rose 14 basis points to 7.21 percent. The yield on the 7 percent, five-year note due 2002 rose 13 basis points to 6.91 percent.

Analysts said today would be a key day for the gilt market, with domestic economic bulletins providing the early focus. Today sees the unemployment report for October, and average earnings growth for September. Also today the Bank of England releases its quarterly inflation report, and the US Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee meets to set interest rates.

Economists expect the central bank's inflation report will show the risks of inflation are to the upside, while any further increase in average earnings will bolster concern that UK interest rates will need to rise further. (Bloomberg)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (7.11.97)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.875	4.875	5.125
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.375	5.500	5.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.125	2.250	2.750
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.500	0.625	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (11.11.97)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.6136	3.8754	—	—	3.8464
U.S. dollar	3.5047	3.5613	3.44	3.62	3.5340
German mark	2.0521	2.0852	2.01	2.12	2.0706
Pound sterling	5.9773	6.0738	5.87	6.16	6.0311
French franc	0.6128	0.6227	0.60	0.64	0.6164
Japanese yen (100)	2.7994	2.8446	2.75	2.89	2.8210
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Eilat woos Hrbaty

LOCAL SCENE
By HEATHER CHAIT

Booking his place early in the Eilat sun is Dominik Hrbaty who has announced that he will play in the $50,000 Club Hotel Eilat Challenger tournament next month.

Slovakian Hrbaty jumped 300 places in the ATP world rankings during 1996 and is now at the No. 33 slot.

Hrbaty has pleasant memories connected with Israel – last year he was part of the Davis Cup team which advanced to the World Group after their win over Israel.

Eyal Erlich is still the top local player, according to Monday's ATP Tour rankings. Erlich is at No. 166, Raviv Weidenfeld at 186, Eyal Ran at 211, Behr at 333 and Welgreen at 360.

Cycling: Some came by themselves, others were with their parents and one even brought his dog. Seven hundred riders entered this year's Tour de Sdom, the mountain bike race at the Dead Sea, which has become a biker's paradise.

First among the men was 25-year-old Ido Syrkin, this year's road race champion, who finished the gruelling 24-km route in 1:18:47.

Second was Amitz Doron (1:20:03) and Nimrod Dubinsky was third (1:21:59).

Laurie Copans was the first woman rider and in 21st place overall (1:36:53). Both Syrkin and Copans received NIS 1,500.

The dog? Meretz, from Ra'anana, spurred her owner Sharon Weshler to the finishing line from a comfortable vantage point between Weshler's shoulder blades.

Golf: The monthly medal competition at Caesarea's golf club attracted 100 entrants. Leslie Ben-Amir won his A division, with a 73 par score. One shot behind was Mike Ossip with Zev Abraham third at 77.

In the B division, Yossie Spector made the day's score with a two under par 71. Former German ambassador to Israel, William Haas, found time during his one-week vacation to score 73 and Clive Josset was third with 74.

Kobi Koren won the C division with a one under par 72. Yitzhak Dankner and Shmuelik Futeran made 75 but Dankner's back-nine pipped Futeran's placing.

Jules Cuburnek won the D group with 73, followed by Harly Brodie on 75 and David Hilzenrath on 78.

Squash: Errol Sapire captained his eight-member team to victory in the Masters tournament held at Ra'anana's Squash Center.

Sapire's team won all their ties against the three other teams, ending with three points. Larry Reefe's team was second and Pini Gal's crew took third place.

Backup for Sapire came from Norman Geri, Abe Speigler, Menahem Oren, David Golding, Yossi Gaitelband, David Snipper and Mike Chester. Snipper doubled up as tournament director, along with Harvey Groves.

Orienteering: Saturday's clear skies brought 300 people to the Bat-Shlomo forest for a national competition. Matan Naftali from Ashkelon won the 8-km route in 1:01:40 with ten minutes separating him from Noam Ravid in second place. Ina Feingold, also from Ashkelon, was first in the 6-km women's route, clocking 54:46. Jonathan Harel won the juniors.

A night competition will be held this Saturday around the Caesarea area. Call (03) 9560537.

Yankees, Williams start squabbling

NEW YORK (AP) – Bernie Williams and the New York Yankees appear to be headed to a winter full of squabbling.

Joe Torre and Bob Watson, not knowing if their All-Star center fielder will be back following his request for a $70 million, seven-year contract, are planning for a possible future without him.

"Nobody's worth that kind of money," Watson said Monday after watching owner George Steinbrenner present a $50,000 check to the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

Williams is eligible for free agency after next season. If they can't reach a long-term agreement, the Yankees might trade him or keep Williams and try to negotiate after next season. Watson, New York's general manager, already has had several discussions with Williams' agent, Scott Boras.

"If he and his representative feel he's worth what they're asking, he may want to wait to see what the free-agent market will bring," Watson said, adding that Williams would "have to put up big numbers" to become a $10 million-a-year player.

"He's a real favorite of mine," Torre said. "I'll miss Bernie if he happens to leave, just like I missed (John) Wetteland and Jimmy Key this year."

Torre already has talked with Watson about replacing Williams if he's dealt. "If Bernie's not going to be a part of it, we have to find a different way to do it."

In other news, Torre and Watson hinted catcher Joe Girardi won't be protected in next week's expansion draft. Torre said he was happy backup Jorge Posada got some experience last season.

"You'd hate to see him coming into the situation cold out of the minor leagues," Torre said.

Watson said three or four minor leaguers will be included in the Yankees' 15-man protected list, which had to be submitted yesterday. One who won't is pitcher Kenny Rogers, traded to Oakland on Friday for third baseman Scott Brosius.

"I think it was more than anything physical, thinking he had to show us something instead of pitching as best he can," Torre said.

"He was trying to show everyone he was worth the money he got." Rogers, who turned 33 today, signed a $20 million, four-year contract with the Yankees, then went 12-8 with a 4.68 ERA in 1997 and 6-7 with a 5.65 ERA last season. New York agreed to pay half of the $10 million left on the contract in order to get rid of him.

"Nobody can battle the pressure of trying to be perfect all the time," Torre said. "He was never satisfied unless he was damn near perfect."

Adams to miss Cameroon friendly

LONDON (Reuters) – Central defender Tony Adams has been forced out of England's World Cup warm-up against Cameroon at Wembley on Saturday because of a long-standing ankle injury.

The 31-year old Arsenal skipper, who was sidelined for six weeks after surgery on his right ankle in the summer, was advised yesterday to rest for a week.

This latest setback for Adams, a tower of strength in the heart of the England defence for a decade, raises question marks over his fitness for the World Cup finals in France next June.

England coach Glenn Hoddle, who sent Adams to see a specialist on yesterday, said: "We want a fit Tony Adams back as soon as possible."

Adams has yet to play in the World Cup finals. He was not called up by Bobby Robson for the 1990 tournament in Italy and four years later England failed to qualify for the finals in the United States.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN BASKETBALL – Hapoel Eilat continue to lead group 5 in the EuroCup after an 82-80 overtime win over Germany's Rohndorf away last night.

Maccabi Ra'anana, also playing away, lost 89-70 to Greece's Panathinaikos in the same competition yesterday.

ENGLISH SOCCER – Third division result last night: Cardiff 0, Scunthorpe 0.

GERMAN SOCCER – Bundesliga results last night: Bayer Leverkusen 4, Cologne 0; Borussia Dortmund 0, Bayern Munich 2.

SPORTS in brief

West Brom defender Nicholson fails drugs test

LONDON (Reuters) – West Bromwich Albion defender Shane Nicholson was charged with misconduct by the English Football Association (FA) on Monday after failing a drugs test at a training session last month.

The FA said in a statement that Nicholson tested positive for traces of amphetamine, classed as a banned performance-enhancing drug, after a random test at the first division club on October 13.

It said Nicholson was the first player to provide a positive sample in tests carried out by the FA this season.

Nicholson was suspended immediately by his club pending a hearing by the FA disciplinary commission.

Robson may return to Sporting Lisbon – report

BARCELONA (Reuters) – Former Barcelona coach Bobby Robson has told Sporting Lisbon there is a 95 percent chance of his returning to the Portuguese club, according to an article in the Spanish sports daily *Marca* yesterday.

The ex-England manager was at Sporting in the 1992-93 season, before moving on to Oporto and then to Barcelona, where he is now in charge of new signings after being replaced as coach by Louis van Gaal.

Robson is known to be unhappy at having to give up his seat on the bench at the Camp Nou despite winning both the Spanish Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup in his first season.

Vieri out of Saturday's World Cup playoff

MADRID (Reuters) – Italian striker Christian Vieri will not be fit to play in Saturday's World Cup playoff against Russia, his Atletico Madrid club doctor Jose Maria Villalon said yesterday.

Vieri aggravated an injury to his left thigh in Sunday's league game with Compostela, but travelled to Italy nevertheless.

He is currently top scorer in the Spanish first division with eight goals, and was on target for Italy in the first leg of the qualifier with Russia, which ended 1-1.

As well as missing Saturday's international, he will also be out for up to the next three weeks.

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Hammer blows not such a bad thing

LONDON CALLING

BY ANDY COOPER

Ever get fed up with a work colleague? Ever seen two of your own work-mates come to blows or close to it? Chances are if you've worked in any pressure situation, you have.

Which is why we perhaps should not be quite so surprised that teammates Eyal Berkovic and John Moncur had something of a dust-up during West Ham's 2-1 defeat at Chelsea on Sunday.

The difference, of course, is that their particular disagreement occurred in front of 34,000 people and millions of television viewers.

It's always slightly comical to see teammates engaging in fisticuffs on the field of play.

Blackburn's disastrous European Champions League campaign a few years ago will be remembered not so much for their woeful performances against some of Europe's lesser lights, but more for the almighty scrap between David Batty and Graeme Le Saux which resulted in both serving bans imposed by UEFA.

That particular scrap was indicative of a team on the slide, breaking up as expectation overwhelmed it, but one hopes, for the Hammers' sake that Sunday's little contretemps is not a precursor to more trouble for manager Harry Redknapp with "foreign imports."

Berkovic has been superb for West Ham this season. His driving, probing runs and sharp shooting have been a significant contribution to their rise up the table and have helped to banish the memory of some of the more miserable flops who have arrived on big money deals at Upton Park in the past few seasons.

Moncur is a cultured midfielder whose value to his side is often underlined when he is not playing.

Sure, they had a disagreement and it broke out into a minor bit of pushing and shoving. So what? At least they cared enough about the way the game was going to indulge in such behavior.

Peter Schmeichel doesn't seem to be happy unless he is bawling out a defender or two, even if Manchester United are coasting to victory. Some Liverpool fans will recall wistfully how Bruce Grobbelaar once nearly throttled a young Steve McManaman during a particularly heated Merseyside derby.

So let's hope Redknapp will do the sensible thing: warn the pair about going too far, mouth something to the press about "appropriate action" being taken and secretly congratulate himself that passions are running high enough for his team to make a difference.

Chairman of the hoard

When it comes to managing, Michael Knighton and Alan Sugar are two of soccer's more high profile chairmen, but they do disagree about one thing. Sugar says he knows nothing about soccer – Knighton is managing his team.

While Sugar grapples with the terrible form of Spurs and whether Gerry Francis should take the blame for it and be dispensed with it, Knighton has done the firing, but he hasn't bothered with any hiring.

Many remember Knighton as he juggled a ball in front of a packed Old Trafford having seemingly completed an audacious move to buy the club from Martin Edwards in the late 1980s.

The deal subsequently went on to unravel in the next few weeks and although Knighton stayed as an Old Trafford director he eventually quietly sloped off.

Rather in the manner of a young boy with a train set, he went off looking for a club and found Carlisle, a bleak outpost almost in Scotland and most definitely in the league's lower division since the heady days of the '70s when they briefly flirted with the top of the league.

New chairman Knighton promised the Carlisle faithful a bit of Premier League soccer and a club to match the giants of the game.

Since then, the club has yo-yoed between the bottom two divisions and despite a Wembley win in the Auto Windscreens Shield, the minor clubs' cup contest, has shown little sign of matching the chairman's blueprint.

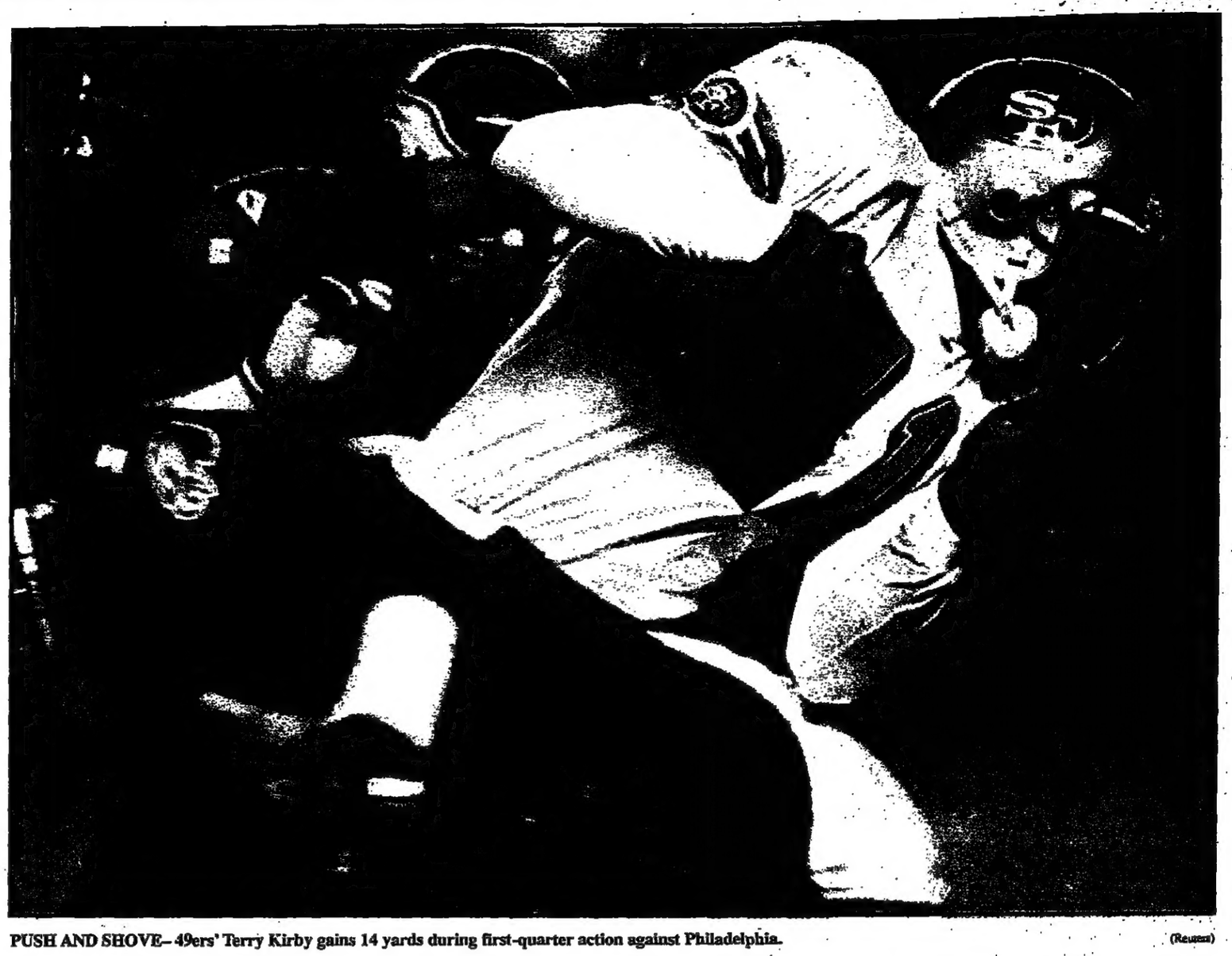
So when coach Mervyn Day was sacked earlier this season, Knighton appointed himself as manager.

Worryingly for some of the other managers with chairman who favor the high profile approach, he isn't doing too badly. Undefeated in his three games in charge, the team is starting to play with confidence.

Knighton says he may eventually appoint a player coach but will never go down the manager route again.

Knighton's example throws up some amazing possibilities, perhaps the most delicious of which is the chairman of Aston Villa "Deadly" Doug Ellis, who already has a stand at Villa Park named after him, taking charge of team affairs as well.

With the Midlands men not exactly taking the league by storm this season, Brian Little may have to look over his shoulder to the boardroom more than he thinks!



PUSH AND SHOVE– 49ers' Terry Kirby gains 14 yards during first-quarter action against Philadelphia. (Reuters)

49ers ground Eagles for 9th straight

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The old San Francisco 49ers routed teams with offense.

They did it Monday night with defense and special teams, beating Philadelphia 24-12 as Merton Hanks returned a fumble for a touchdown, Chuck Levy scored on a 73-yard punt return, and Curtis Buckley's disputed hit and fumble recovery set up a third TD.

Dana Stubblefield had 3½ of San Francisco's eight sacks as the 49ers won their ninth straight game since an opening-week loss in Tampa.

That moved them within a victory of their fifth NFC West title in six years and their 14th in 17 seasons. They can clinch it Sunday by beating Carolina in San Francisco.

For Philadelphia, (4-6), it was the first loss in five home games this season, and puts the Eagles in peril of missing the playoffs for the first time in Ray Rhodes' three seasons as head coach.

How unusual was this game, the first ever played by the Eagles in all-green uniforms? San Francisco's offense, long its mainstay, gained just 213 yards for the game, and Steve Young was 13-of-23 for 103 yards as he left the offense to the defense.

It started just 1 minute, 7 seconds into the game, when Lee Woodall stripped the ball from Ricky Watters. Hanks picked it up and took it untouched to the end zone.

The Eagles moved up and down the field, but had to settle for Chris Boniol field goals of 28 and 34 yards that cut the lead to 7-6.

Then came the game's key play.

Three-and-half minutes into the second quarter, the Niners' Tommy Thompson punted to Philadelphia's Freddie Solomon. He signaled for a fair catch, but just as the ball got to him Buckley came crashing in. The ball came loose, and Buckley fell on it at the Philadelphia 26.

The officials ruled that Solomon never had possession, making it a muff and making him fair game for Buckley.

Three plays later, following a 19-yard pass from Young to Terrell Owens, Garrison Hearst took the ball in from the 1, and it was 14-6.

Then Tommy Hutton punted to Levy – returning punts because Iheanyi Uweazuoke was out with a knee injury.

Levy took the ball, split two Philadelphia defenders, and sped untouched to the end zone for a 21-6 lead.

Just for good measure, San Francisco got a 3-point gift just before the half when Darnell Walker intercepted Ty Detmer's pass and returned it 10 yards to the 36. Young's 23-yard pass to Owens set up Gary Anderson's 31-yard field goal that made it 24-6.

The second half was simply a matter of running out the clock for the 49ers and letting the defense hold, particularly when Owens went out with a concussion.

Bobby Hoying, Philadelphia's third-string quarterback, led the Eagles to their only touchdown — a 6-yard pass to Chad Lewis — with 1:14 remaining.

Irving Fryar caught nine passes for 138 yards for the Eagles.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	6	4	0	.600	206	186
New England	6	4	0	.600	254	185
NY Jets	6	4	0	.600	237	196
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	170	225
Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	154	258
Central						
Jacksonville	7	3	0	.700	262	202
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	241	200
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	217	197
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	210	231
Cincinnati	3	7	0	.300	191	263
West						
Denver	9	1	0	.900	302	160
Kansas City	7	3	0	.700	204	167
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	233	238
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	202	251
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	237	269

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
NY Giants	6	4	0	.600	192	190
Washington	6	4	0	.600	203	152
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	212	154
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	170	214
Arizona	2	8	0	.200	170	230
Central						
Green Bay	8	2	0	.800	233	176
Minnesota	8	2	0	.800	238	201
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	208	172
Detroit	4	6	0	.400	197	205
Chicago	1	9	0	.100	167	292
West						
San Francisco	9	1	0	.900	251	120
Carolina	5	5	0	.500	166	187
New Orleans	3	7	0	.300	131	208
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	189	271

Sunday, November 16
Arizona at New York Giants
Atlanta at St. Louis
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Denver at Kansas City
Green Bay at Indianapolis
Tennessee at Jacksonville
Minnesota at Detroit
New England at Tampa Bay
Philadelphia at Baltimore
Seattle at New Orleans
Washington at Dallas
Carolina at San Francisco
New York Jets at Chicago
Oakland at San Diego
Monday, November 17
Buffalo at Miami

McGrath routs Kiwis in first Test

BRISBANE (AP) – Australian paceman Glenn McGrath overcame a leg injury to destroy New Zealand and set up a 186-run win in the first Test at the Gabba yesterday.

Set 319 runs to win, New Zealand collapsed to be all out for 132, with the middle session of the final day extended to allow Australia to take the last wicket.

McGrath claimed 5-32, despite a groin muscle strain, including 4-4 in a 22-ball burst before lunch.

McGrath, Australia's best bowler during the recent Ashes triumph with 32 wickets, bowled an outstanding line and length.

Australian captain Mark Taylor, who won the man-of-the-match award with a first innings 112, was full of praise for his pace spearhead.

"He's a great bowler, a genuine wicket-taker and applies a lot of pressure," Taylor said. "He definitely wasn't at 100 percent fitness throughout this game."

McGrath's victims were Nathan Astle (14), Bryan Young (45), Craig McMillan for a first-ball duck and skipper Stephen Fleming (0) on the last ball of the morning session.

In the post lunch session, returning only for his second spell of the day, McGrath had No.10 Simon Doull caught behind to complete his ninth five-wicket haul in a 35-match career.

McGrath claimed a match haul of 7-128 while Warne, who trapped No.11 Geoff Allott to complete the victory, took a match bag of 7-160 with 3-54 in the second innings.

All rounder Chris Cairns (21) and Adam Parore (39 not out) batted with great restraint and judgment after lunch to take New Zealand from 69-5 to 112 before a rash stoke ended their defiant struggle.

Medium paceman Paul Reiffel induced Cairns to play on and Warne made further inroads with two quick wickets.

Warne, wicketless all morning, bowled left hander Chris Harris (0) with a ball that spun wickedly out of the rough, and in the next over had Daniel Vettori (0) caught by Taylor at slip.

New Zealand resumed on four for none and had a disastrous start.

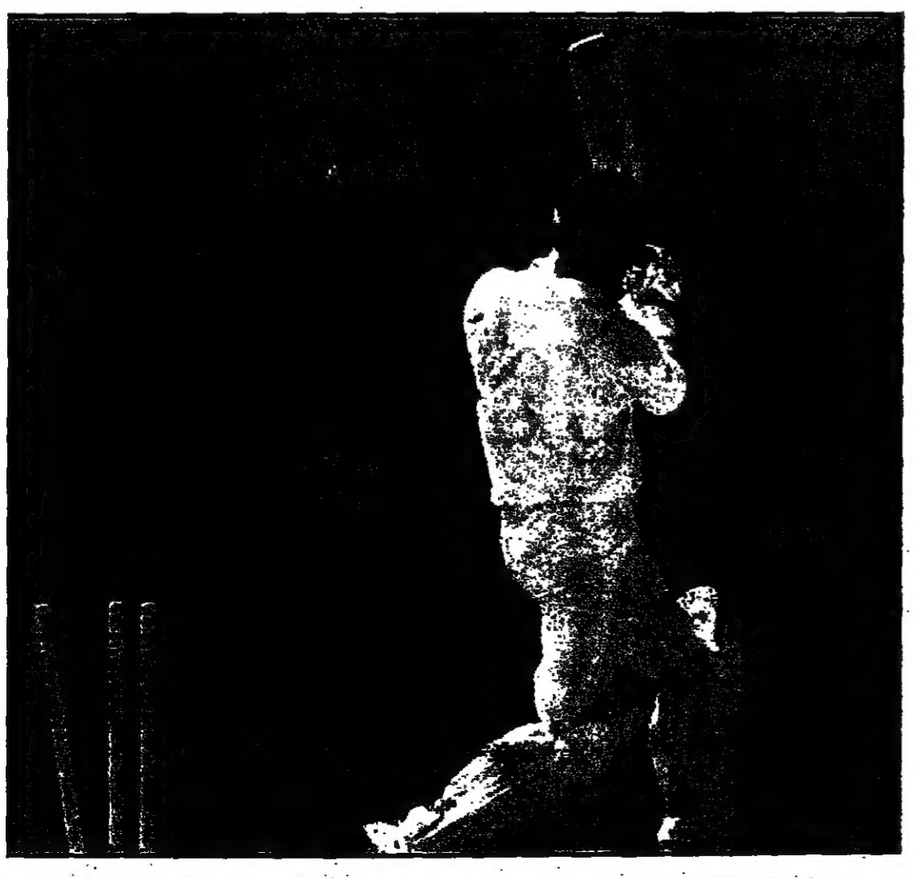
Reiffel produced a beautiful ball which left Blair Pocock, took the edge and flew to Taylor at first slip.

New Zealand had suffered two embarrassing defeats in their lead-up matches and fought hard for four days before Tuesday's tumble.

"We don't take too much heart in being beaten in four and half days instead of two and a half days – which is what we were written off for at the start of the test," Fleming said.

New Zealand had Australia in early trouble after sending the home side into bat on day one.

"If we'd approached the first day with more confidence we might have done a little bit better," Fleming said.



STUMPED – New Zealand's Chris Cairns is bowled for 21 runs by Paul Reiffel. The Kiwis were all out for 132 in their second innings to give Australia a 186-run victory. (Reuters)

Trail Blazers win 5th straight

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Kenny Anderson scored 15 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter as the Portland Trail Blazers rallied from a 12-point halftime deficit Monday night to defeat the Detroit Pistons 86-82.

The Pistons, who led by as many 15 points in the second quarter, lost their fifth in a row, their longest skid since Doug Collins became coach. The Blazers' 5-1 start — it was their fifth straight win — is their best since they went 6-0 in 1992.

Anderson scored Portland's first seven points in the fourth quarter, then clinched the victory by sinking 7-of-8 free throws down the stretch. He also had 11 assists.

Arvydas Sabonis had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Portland before fouling out with 4:08 to play, while Grant Hill scored 21 and Brian Williams had 19 for Detroit.

Spurs 100, Raptors 98

David Robinson scored 32 points and San Antonio overcame 28 turnovers and a 15-point first-half deficit to win on the road in Monday's only other scheduled game. The Raptors had a chance to win, but Damon Stoudamire's desperation 3-point shot at the buzzer went in and out.

Robinson hit 12-of-17 shots from the field as the Spurs shot 63.1 percent from the floor to make up for the turnovers. Sean Elliott chipped in 17 points and Tim Duncan had 15 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Doug Christie led the Raptors with 26 points.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New Jersey	4	1	.800	–
Miami	4	2	.667	½
New York	3	3	.500	1½
Orlando	3	3	.500	1½
Washington	2	4	.333	2½
Boston	1	5	.167	3½
Philadelphia	0	5	.000	4
Central Division				
Atlanta	6	0	1.000	–
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	1½
Charlotte	4	2	.667	2
Chicago	4	2	.667	2
Cleveland	2	3	.400	3½
Indiana	2	4	.333	4
Detroit	2	5	.286	4½
Toronto	1	5	.167	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	5	1	.833	–
Minnesota	4	1	.800	½
Dallas	3	2	.600	1½
Houston	3	2	.600	1½
Utah	2	4	.333	3
Vancouver	2	4	.333	3
Denver	0	4	.000	4
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	4	0	1.000	–
Seattle	5	1	.833	–
Portland	5	1	.833	–
Phoenix	3	1	.750	1
L.A. Clippers	1	4	.200	3½
Sacramento	1	4	.200	3½
Golden State	0	6	.000	5

Sabres rally to tie Oilers

BUFFALO (AP) — Jason Dawe scored three goals in just over six minutes of the second period Monday, rallying Buffalo from three goals down and giving the Sabres a 4-4 tie with the Edmonton Oilers.

Edmonton forward Mike Grier, who had a racial slur yelled at him by Washington's Chris Simon over the weekend, scored his first goal of the season. Simon has been suspended by the NHL over the incident.

Dan McGillis' goal with 4:24 remaining, a floater from the blue line over Buffalo goalie Steve Shields' shoulder, tied it 4-4. Shields replaced starter Dominik Hasek after the first period when Hasek allowed three goals on just nine shots.

Edmonton, 0-3-3 during its six-game road trip and 5-9-4 overall, rolled to a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals by Ryan Smyth, Grier and Boris Mironov that came 4:08 apart.

Dawe then went to work, scoring three goals in a 6:18 stretch for his natural hat trick. He has 11 goals this season.

Devils 3, Islanders 1

Martin Brodeur stopped 28 shots for his seventh straight win.

Rookie Patrick Elias broke a 1-1 tie with a goal in the second period as host New Jersey won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Elias, tied for the team lead with eight goals, scored at 16:17 of the second period on a right circle slap shot that beat goalie Tommy Salo to the left side.

Monday's results:
Edmonton 4, Buffalo 4
New Jersey 3, NY Islanders 1
St. Louis 7, Dallas1
Calgary 1, Chicago 1
San Jose 6, Anaheim 4

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	10	5	3	23	58	45
New Jersey	11	5	0	22	50	29
Washington	9	7	2	20	50	43
N.Y. Islanders	7	7	3	17	50	46
N.Y. Rangers	4	6	7	15	42	45
Florida	5	8	3	13	37	50
Tampa Bay	2	12	2	6	28	56
Northeast Division						
Montreal	11	4	2	24	56	36
Boston	10	6	1	21	43	37
Ottawa	9	6	3	21	55	45
Pittsburgh	8	7	4	20	52	52
Carolina	6	9	3	15	47	52
Buffalo	5	8	4	14	43	55

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	12	3	3	27	64	40
St. Louis	12	5	2	26	60	41
Dallas	10	6	3	23	58	51
Phoenix	7	7	2	16	47	44
Chicago	7	10	1	15	34	45
Toronto	4	8	3	11	29	45
Pacific Division						
Colorado	8	3	6	22	55	43
Anaheim	8	6	4	20	48	48
Los Angeles	7	7	4	18	57	50
Edmonton	5	9	4	14	40	59
San Jose	6	11	1	13	46	65
Calgary	3	12	4	10	49	65
Vancouver	3	12	2	8	39	60

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CRITICS' CHOICE

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

The Jerusalem English Speaking Theater (JEST) presents Nicholas Wright's *Mrs. Klein* starring Dawn Nadel in the title role, with Rebecca Gillis as her daughter Melitta and Myriam Roth as Paula, a would-be patient. The real Melanie Klein was a noted child psychoanalyst, and director Bruce Oppenheimer is himself a psychotherapist. So brush up your neuroses and go to the Little Theater at the Jerusalem Theater tonight at 6 and at 9, and tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

Katrin Cartlidge gives a funny, powerful performance in 'Career Girls.'

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ **CAREER GIRLS** – Perhaps best appreciated as a Mike Leigh microcosm, this new film contains some of the acclaimed English writer/director's best impulses alongside a few of his worst ones. The movie is a small, sometimes comic character drama that's simpler in its conception than some of Leigh's recent efforts and focuses on one weekend in the friendship of two very different 30-year-olds, played by Katrin Cartlidge and Lynda Steadman. By alternating between the tentative, present-day exchanges between the women and flashbacks to their college years, the director manages to depict a bond of plausible density and complication – although he runs into some problems with his direction of the actresses. Both give powerful and often quite funny performances as the subdued career girls of the title, though Leigh appears to have instructed them to play the younger women in the broadest fashion possible, and to base their characters on some obvious physical tic. That's a strategy which might be fine at an early stage in the character-development process but which, when captured in "finished" form on film, bestows on most of the flashback scenes the grotesquely mannered quality of an acting-class exercise spun out of control. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

★★★ **MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING** – Australian director P.J. Hogan's movie stars Julia Roberts as a neurotic New York restaurant critic who realizes she's in love with her closest pal (Dermot Mulroney) the day he announces his engagement to a pliable young millionairess (Cameron Diaz). Summoned to Chicago for the wedding weekend, Julianne launches a regular flotilla of sneaky tricks and evil schemes, so determined is she to break up the festivities and win the groom for herself. Although it has more than its share of thin jokes, crude physical gags and overly sentimental moments, the film also manages to win us in surprising ways. Ronald Bass's script has a bitter, heartbroken edge that bumps in interesting ways against its otherwise cheerful tone, and Roberts lends herself gamely not just to adorable dithering but also to exposing Julianne's nasty, desperate side. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

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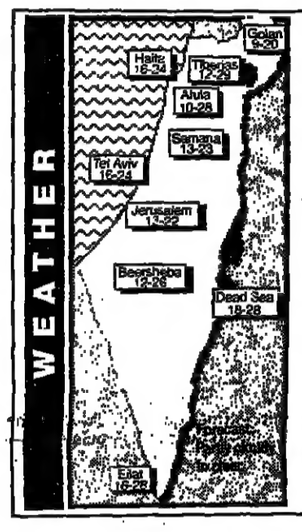

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Boston	06	43	11	52	p/cloudy
Buenos Aires	18	64	26	79	rain
Cairo	16	61	24	75	clear
Chicago	-04	25	06	43	cloudy
Copenhagen	07	45	09	48	cloudy
Frankfurt	07	45	12	54	rain
Geneva	04	39	10	50	rain
Helsinki	04	39	05	41	rain
Hong Kong	23	73	25	77	clear
Jo'burg	16	61	23	73	cloudy
Lisbon	14	57	19	66	p/cloudy
London	07	45	11	52	p/cloudy
Los Angeles	13	55	18	64	rain
Madrid	08	46	16	61	rain
Montreal	01	34	05	41	cloudy
Moscow	x	x	x	x	x
New York	07	45	11	52	p/cloudy
Nice	10	50	17	63	rain
Paris	08	46	12	54	rain
Prague	04	39	13	55	cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	24	75	30	86	clear
Rome	13	55	20	68	cloudy
San Francisco	13	55	17	63	cloudy
Stockholm	05	41	06	43	cloudy
Sydney	19	66	32	90	clear
Tokyo	18	64	21	70	clear
Toronto	04	39	07	45	clear
Vienna	08	46	14	57	p/cloudy
Warsaw	03	37	12	54	cloudy
Washington	07	45	14	57	cloudy
Zurich	02	36	09	48	cloudy

WINNING CARDS

in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily chance drawing

Yesterday's Lotto drawing has been postponed until Thursday.

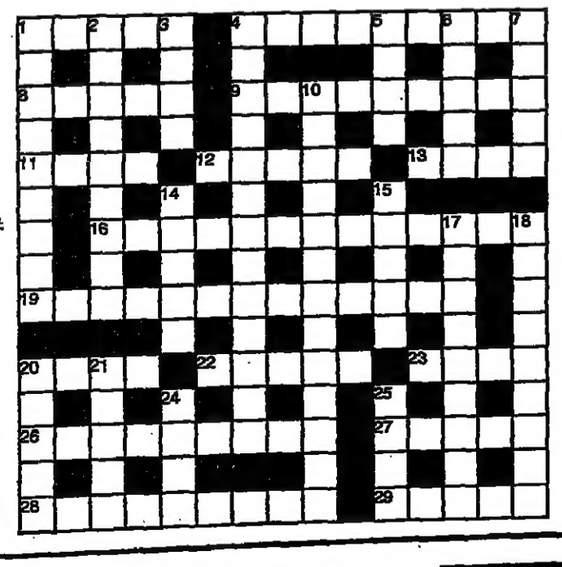
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Provides camouflage of animal skins (5)
4 Wartime volunteers made rough preparations (4,5)
8 Secretary has no time (5)
9 Agent who must keep within limits? (2-7)
11 Plague in Hamelin? That's awful (4)
12 Supernatural creature that's after information (5)
13 A guy has to wait (4)
16 Keep turning in bed? Not at all (5,4,1,3)
19 What dear loves murmur? (5,8)
20 Question persistently to give backup to redcap (4)
22 Irritation as lapdog is heard (5)
23 It's just light (4)
26 A talk in French for confidentiality (4-1-4)
27 Nothing pleasant gets postponed (2,3)
28 Wretched chap, to blockade a port (9)
29 Went out about noon and ate (5)

DOWN

1 Casual greeting to the right girl (3-2-4)
2 Coffee set is made badly (9)
3 In winter, it's the making of a man (4)
4 His Excellency contracted to expand into munitions (4,9)
5 Old tribesman contributed to killing others (4)
6 Hesitation in a junior officer's warning (5)
7 Man obsessed with his appearance is comic (5)
10 Brummie is shut out of London tourist attraction (7,6)
14 Priest didn't finish page of book (5)
15 Girl was an ass (5)
17 Islander could be such a devil (9)
18 One has corresponding appeal (3,6)
20 Apostle is safe (5)
21 Satisfied about Old Testament anthem (5)
24 Fabric of the French church (4)
25 Dismissed, we hear, for being cheeky (4)



SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Judge, 4 Mental, 9 Nervous, 10 Error, 11 Over, 12 Exclude, 13 Run, 14 Shoe, 16 Seek, 18 Sue, 20 Terrain, 21 Fall, 24 Ocean, 25 Readily, 26 Entire, 27 Drear.

DOWN: 1 Junior, 2 Dirge, 3 Eros, 5 Exercise, 6 Torture, 7 Larder, 8 Ashen, 13 Retainer, 15 Harvest, 17 Stroke, 18 Snare, 19 Player, 22 Alike, 23 Bard.

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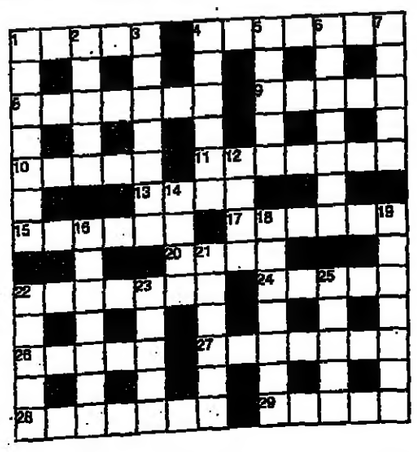

ACROSS

1 Consent (5)
4 Artistic activities (7)
8 Prisoner (7)
9 Wireless (5)
10 Artillery salute (5)
11 Do away with (7)
13 Dreadful (4)
15 Remorse (6)
17 In slow time (6)
20 Heal (4)
22 OK (7)
24 Representative (5)
26 Step (5)
27 Art of paper folding (7)
28 Tasteful (7)
29 Marsh plant (5)

DOWN

1 Prosecutor (7)
2 Repulse (5)
3 One event (7)
4 Roman emperor (6)
5 Played slowly (5)
6 Ruin (7)
7 Era (5)
12 Large mammal (4)
14 Irritation (4)
16 Rubbish (7)
18 Loved ones (7)
19 Silhouette (7)
21 Extreme (6)
22 Church passage (5)
23 Irish police (5)
25 Antelope (5)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Book of Genesis
8:30 On Second Thought
9:30 In memory of Yitzhak Rabin
10:15 Friends or Not – problem solving among youth
11:15 Six Days in Jerusalem – documentary about the battle for Jerusalem during the Six Day War
12:00 Live broadcast of the memorial ceremony for Yitzhak Rabin
13:00 Friends or Not – problem solving among youth
13:20 Hebrew Songs
13:35 Friends or Not – problem solving among youth
13:55 In memory of Yitzhak Rabin

■ CHANNEL 1

14:45 Live broadcast of the state memorial ceremony for Yitzhak Rabin from Mt. Herzl
15:30 Young People Speak – two years after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin
15:40 Youth Violence – is that the way to survive?
16:10 Young People Speak – two years after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin
16:20 Zap to Peace – program about young people who used a stretch of cloth to join Eilat, Taba and Akaba
17:00 Special Knesset sitting in memory of Yitzhak Rabin – live
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Four Seasons
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Youth Memorial Ceremony for Yitzhak Rabin
20:00 News
20:45 A Moment in Life – driving offenses caught by police cameras
20:50 *Conference Call* – with Nissim Mishal
21:30 Out for Love ... *Back Soon* – autobiographical film about the life of Dan Katzir, a reserve infantry officer, set against the darkening political atmosphere after the Oslo agreement. Directed by Dan Katzir
22:30 Yitzhak Rabin: Soldier in the Army of Peace – the political biography of Yitzhak Rabin. Presented by Chaim Yavin
23:30 News
00:00 Daily Verse

■ CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's programs
6:30 Rupert Bear
7:00 Coffee with Tel-Ad
9:00 Ruby
10:00 Picket Fences
11:00 Thunder Alley – comedy with Ed Asner
11:30 State ceremony for youth on the anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin
13:00 Riding High
13:30 Junior News
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 News; state memorial ceremony for Yitzhak Rabin from Mt. Herzl
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Special Knesset sitting in memory of Yitzhak Rabin – live
18:00 Port Charles
19:00 Dr. Quinn, *Medicine Woman*
20:00 News
20:30 Ramat Aviv Gimel
21:15 Gov Night
22:30 Prime Minister's Diary, October-November 1995 – documentary about a seemingly ordinary month, as reflected by the appointments diary of then-prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.
00:00 News
00:05 Homicide – new season
1:05 Soap
1:30 Red Sea Jazz Festival – Kaminsky and Friends
2:25 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV

14:00 Holy Koran
14:10 Johnny Quest
14:30 Super Dave
15:00 Secrets of Treasure Island
15:30 Spell Binder
16:00 Monsters Today
16:30 Border Town
17:00 Secret de Famille
17:30 Des Chiffres et Des Lettres
18:00 Ushuaia
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 E=M6
19:30 News headlines
19:35 Neighbors
20:00 Grace Under Fire; Someone Like Me
20:30 Kung Fu III
21:10 Challenges
22:00 News in English
22:30 Land's End; Franchie
23:15 American Gothic

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop
14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Gerbert
17:23 Creation Station
17:45 Mort and Phil
18:10 Bealeman's World
18:35 Saved by the Bell
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News *Tonight (Arabic)*
20:00 Stockard Channing
20:25 Newhart
20:50 The Piano Lesson (1995) – TV movie set in the 1930s, about a family torn between past and future
22:30 Movie Magic
23:00 CNN News
23:30 The 700 Club

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

Broadcasts will begin after coverage of the Knesset sitting ends
16:00 Cartoons
16:30 Anger – Arabic drama series
17:30 From Day to Day
18:00 The Tyrant
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Telekessel
20:00 News
20:45 Scent of Mint
22:10 The Detectives
22:30 Georges *Bressons – portrait of* the French poet and singer
23:40 Entertainment Now

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Echo Point
16:00 Math for Bagrut
16:30 The Weather
17:00 Bobby – Arabic
17:30 My Dear Brother – Arabic
18:00 Dites Moi Tout
18:30 Tastes
19:00 Book of Genesis
19:30 Vis à Vis
20:00 To be announced
20:30 Zombit
21:00 The New 20th Century
22:00 Two to Tango
23:00 Onedin Line

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with *Yossi Siyas (rpt)*
8:00 Sunset Beach
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Dulce Ana (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 Tell God We're Not Toys (rpt)
14:00 Sunset Beach
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:40 Ricki Lake
16:30 Dulce Ana
17:15 One Life to Live
18:00 Good Evening
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 Tune of Time
20:50 Profiler
21:35 Newsradio
22:00 Yair Lapid Live *at* 10
22:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
23:00 Seinfeld
23:25 Red Shoes Diary – erotic
00:00 The Streets of San Francisco
00:50 Northern Secrets

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Peeping Toms (Hebrew, 1972) – comedy about two Tel Aviv beach bums
13:00 Hamlet (1990)
15:20 A special on My Best Friend's Wedding
15:30 Two Fathers: Justice For the Innocent (1993) – two fathers set out to avenge their children's deaths
17:05 The Pill (Hebrew, 1972, rpt)
18:40 For the Future (1995) – a woman undergoing fertility treatment discovers that she and her husband are being used to produce embryos for other women
20:10 Love Affair (1994)
22:00 The Silver Strand (1995) – a *young recruit finds* himself in hot water when his commanding *officer discovers he is* having an affair with the officer's wife
23:45 The Kingdom (Denmark, 1995) – the first part of a bizarre series which takes place inside a Danish mental hospital
1:50 Scene of The Crime (1992) – drama about a police officer with an unorthodox modus operandi
3:20 Naked (1993, rpt)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Timberwood Tales
9:25 Tobias Tootz
9:35 Surprise Garden
10:00 Treasure Island
10:35 Billy the Cat
11:05 Ninja Turtles
11:30 Bureau of Alien Detectors
12:00 Hillside
12:30 Clarissa Explains All
13:30 The Brave Little Toaster
15:00 Yitzhak Rabin Remembrance Day
17:40 Make Believe Closet
18:00 People from Around The World
18:50 Tobias Tootz
19:00 Surprise Garden
19:30 Helen and the Boys
20:00 Three's Company
20:25 Married with Children
20:50 Roseanne
21:15 Cosby Show
21:45 Different World

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:10 Lisbon Trail (French/Portuguese, 1995) – Wim Wenders *film about a sound* technician who is asked to work on a *silent movie and gets* entangled in an unexpected adventure
23:55 Caidos del Cielo (Spanish, 1989, 122 mins.) – an intricately *woven film about three* seperate sets of characters – a radio show *presenter, a bankrupt* couple and a despotic blind woman – whose lives interconnect

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University
8:05 A Healthy Body
6:40 The Nature of Australia, part 4: Land of Flood and Fire
9:35 New World, Saving the Planet (rpt)
10:05 The Sly Vixen
11:50 Jazz: Lionel Hampton
12:20 Aldabra & Palau
13:20 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles
13:45 Wild Horizons, part 10
14:15 Via Mystica: Avenues of Love (rpt)
15:15 Spirit Hunters – mythology of a Peruvian Indian tribe
16:10 Human Nature
17:00 Open University: Battle for Global Supremacy; Everybody's Business; Archeology
19:05 Aldabra & Palau – underwater photography
20:05 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles
20:30 Wild Horizons: Under The Galapagos
21:00 Alchemy
22:20 Human Nature
23:05 Open University: Living Islam; Heroes of Democracy

■ NBC EUROPE

6:00 Executive Lifestyles
6:30 The Ticket
7:00 VIP
7:30 NBC News
8:00 MSNBC News
9:00 Today Show
10:00 European Squawk Box
11:00 European Money Wheel
15:30 CNBC US Squawk Box
16:30 Executive Lifestyles
17:00 Star Gardens
17:30 Interiors By Design
18:00 Time and Again
19:00 National Geographic
20:00 VIP
20:30 The Ticket
21:00 Dateline
22:00 Euro PGA Golf
23:00 Tonight Show
00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 Later
1:30 NBC News
2:00 Tonight Show
3:00 Intermight

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 Hindi programs
7:00 Oprah Winfrey
8:00 El TV
8:30 Mind Your Language
9:00 Nine to Five
9:30 The Jewel in the *Crown*
10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
11:00 Santa Barbara
12:00 Crystal Maze
13:00 Wonder Years
13:30 Small Wonder
14:00 Hindi programs
17:30 Star News
18:00 'Allo 'Allo
18:30 The X-Files
19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
20:00 Santa Barbara
21:00 Star News
21:30 L.A. Law
22:30 Southward Bound
23:30 Vegas
00:30 Oprah Winfrey
1:30 21 Jump Street

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:30 Brazilian League Soccer
18:30 Handball
19:00 Korac Cup Basketball
21:00 MLS Soccer League
22:15 Soccer – live
23:15 Boxing

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Eurogoals
11:00 Soccer: Classic *Games*
12:00 Bobsleigh
13:30 Wheelies
14:00 Different Sports
14:30 Look at PGA Tour
15:00 ATP Tour
18:30 Motor Sports
20:30 ATP Tour
22:00 International Soccer
00:00 Soccer: Classic Games
1:00 Boxing
2:00 Drag Racing

■ STAR SPORTS (unconfirmed)

6:00 Cricket
6:30 Table Tennis
8:30 International Sports
9:30 Equestrian
10:00 Soccer: World Cup Qualifier
12:30 Sailing: Whitbread Tour
13:00 Motor Sports
14:00 Table Tennis
16:00 Soccer: World Cup Qualifier
18:30 Cricket: Classic Games
19:30 Tennis
21:30 Equestrian
22:30 Motor Sports
1:00 Trans World Sport
2:00 Cricket
3:30 Tennis

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
6:30 BBC Reporters
7:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
8:00 The World Today
9:30 Classic Adventure
10:30 BBC Reporters
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 Film '97 (rpt)
13:00 World Today
14:30 Wild World (rpt)
15:00 World News & Business Report
15:30 World Today
16:30 Clothes Show
17:30 Hard Talk
18:30 BBC Reporters
19:30 Holiday (rpt)
20:00 World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:00 Europe Direct
23:30 Top Gear
00:00 News & World Business Report
2:05 USA Direct
2:30 Holiday

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News through the day
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline(rpt)
9:30 World Sports
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:30 CNN Newsroom
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 Q&A (rpt)
14:30 Science & Technology
15:15 News & Business Asia
18:00 Larry King Live
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Showbiz Today
19:30 Earth Matters
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A
23:00 European News
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today Update
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
2:30 Moneyline

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Schubert: Trio in B flat for strings D581 (Grumiaux Trio); Brahms: Sonata no 1 in F minor for viola and piano op 120 (Trampler, Horszowski); Mozart: Piano concerto no 24 (Curzon/London SO/Kertesz); Beethoven: Violin concerto (Menuhin/New Philharmonia/Klemperer); *Dvorak: Symphony no 9* "From the New World" (Vienna PO/Kondraschin); Schumann: Konzertstück in F for 4 horns and orch op 68 (Chicago/Barenboim)
12:00 *Light Classical* – works by Respighi, Verdi, Saint-Saens, Offenbach, Waldteufel
13:00 Artist of the Week – conductor John Eliot Gardiner. Bach: Magnificat (soloists/Monteverdi Choir/English Baroque Soloists)
14:06 Keys
16:00 Haydn: Trio in C minor for piano, violin and cello Hob.13 (Beaux Arts); Schubert: Lazarus cantata for soloists, choir and orch (Armstrong and others/French Radio choir/French Radio New PO/Guschlbauer)
18:00 Bach: Siciliana for flute and organ; Krumpholtz: Sonata in B flat for harp; Schubert: "Our Friendship Will Live for Ever" rondo for piano 4 hands; Mendelssohn: 3 songs, Piano trio in D minor op 49; Kodaly: *Sonatina for cello and* piano; Brahms: Sextet for strings no 1 in B *flat op 18*; George Onslow: Variations on an English hymn
20:05 (1) Live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem – Israel Camerata Jerusalem, cond. Horia Andreescu. Mozart: Divertimento no 3 in F minor K213; Pigovet: Nigun for string orch; Haydn: Symphony no 49; Mozart: Divertimento no 16 in E flat K289; Beethoven: *String* quartet in F minor arr for orch. (2) Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA. Beethoven: Piano concerto no 2; Arthur Benjamin: Mouth-organ concerto; Haydn: Cello concerto in C; Ravel: Introduction and Allegro for harp, strings and clarinet
23:00 Golden Generation – Busch Quartet. Beethoven: Quartet in F minor op 95; Schubert: Quartet no 14 in D minor D810 "Death and the Maiden"

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	Youth Ceremony for Yitzhak Rabin		Beverly Hills 90210		Helen and the Boys	
20:00	News	News		Love Affair	Three's Company	Mysteries, Magic and Miracles
20:30		Ramat Aviv Gimel	Tune of Time		Married with Children Roseanne	Wild Horizons
21:00	A Moment in Life Conference Call	Gov Night	Profiler		Cosby Show	Alchemy
21:30	Out for Love – Back Soon		Newsradio		Different World	
22:00			Yair Lapid Live at 10	The Silver Strand	Lisbon Trail	Human Nature
22:30	Yitzhak Rabin: Soldier in the Army of Peace	Prime Minister's Diary, October-November 1995	Love Story with Yossi Siyas			
23:00			Seinfeld			

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Serpico 5, 9:45 • Towards the Sun + Ashes and Diamonds 7:30 • Kalte Heimat 9:30
G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 G.I. Jane • Father's Day∞As Tears Go By 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The *Peacemaker ∞Conspiracy Theory 4:30,* 7:15, 10 • Contact 7, 10 • Ali Baba *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 • Bean 5, 7:15, 10 • L.A. *Confidential* 4:30, 7:15, 10
JERUSALEM THEATER Gabbeh 7 • August 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • My Best Friend's Wedding 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Air Force One 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Double Team 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Volcano 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Afula Express 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mrs Brown 5, 7:30, 9:45
MEVASSERET ZION G.I. Jane 5, 7:15, 10 • Air Force One 4:45, 7, 9:45
SMADAR ☎ 5618168 Career Girls 2:30, 6, 8, 10 • Microcosmos 4:30
TEL AVIV
GAT My Best Friend's Wedding 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GORDON** Breaking the Waves 4, 7, 10 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Bean 5, 7:30 • L.A. Confidential 4:45, 7:15, 10 **LEV** Career Girls 11 a.m., *1, 3, 5, 8, 10 • The Fifth Element* 5, 7:30, 10 • Microcosmos 11 a.m., 1:30, 5:30, 7:30 • Secrets and Lies 11 a.m., 1:30, *3, 5, 9:45 • Contact 11 a.m.,* 2, 7:30, 10 **G.G. PE'ER** L.A. Confidential ∞Conspiracy Theory *4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Peacemaker∞The* Truce 5, 7:30, 10 • Contact 9:30 • Father's Day 5, 7:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ *5282288 Dizengoff Center Face/Off* 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Air Force One 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Double Team 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Cop Land 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Volcano 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Afula Express 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45
RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674 Opera House Donnie Brasco 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Roseanna's Grave∞Mrs Brown∞Cop Land 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Absolute Power 5, 7:15, 9:45 **G.G. TEL AVIV** ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. The Peacemaker 5, 7:30, 10 • Conspiracy Theory 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Saint 5, 7:30 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Gabbeh 5, 7, 8:30 • A Moment of Innocence 10
HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Gabbeh 7:15, 9:15 • Trees Lounge 9:15 • Microcosmos 7:15 **MORIAH** ☎*8643654 Career Girls* 7:30, 9:30 **ORI** Conspiracy Theory ∞ L.A. Confidential 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The *Peacemaker∞G.I. Jane 5, 7:30, 10* • Contact 6:30, 9:30 • Father's Day 5, 7:30 • Contact 9:45 • Vertigo 4:45, 7:15, 10 **ORLY** ☎ *8381868 As Tears Go By* 7, 9:15 **PANORAMA** G.I. Jane 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Peacemaker 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Conspiracy Theory 7, 9:30 • Charlie and Louise 4:30 **RAV-CHEN** Cop Land 4:45, 7, *9:30 • Double Team 4:45,* 7:15, 9:30 • Face/Off 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Bean 5, 7, 9:30 • Con Air 4:30, 7, 9:30
RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ *8674311 My Best* Friend's Wedding∞Volcano 4:45, 7, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Face/Off 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Double Team 5, 7, 9:30 • Volcano 4:45, 7, 9:30 • My Best Friend's Wedding 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Cop Land 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Air Force One 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Afula Express 5, 7, 9:30
RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 8246553 Roseanna's Grave 7:15, 9:30 • Afula Express 5, 7, 9:30 • Mrs Brown 5, 7, 9:30 • Lady and the Tramp 5
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RAV CHEN ☎ 6424047 Face/Off 7, 9:30 • My Best Friend's Wedding∞ Afula Express 7:15, 9:30
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STAR ☎9950904 Face/Off 7, 9:30 • Contact 7, 9:30 • Volcano 7:15, 9:45
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G.G. GIL ☎ *8847202 Afterglow 10* • Father's Day 5, 7:30 • The Peacemaker 5, 7:15, 10 • Bean 5, 7:30 • Contact *9:45 • The Truce∞Men In Black 5,* 7:30, 10 **ORI** Kolya 5, 7:30, 10 • Conspiracy Theory 4:45, 7:15, 10 • G.I. Jane 5, 7:30, *10* **RAV CHEN** ☎8681120 Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Air Force One 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Volcano∞My *Best Friend's* Wedding∞Double Team∞Cop Land 5, 7:30, 9:45
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G.G. GIL ☎ *729977 The* Peacemaker∞G.I. Jane 5, 7:30, 10 • Conspiracy Theory 4:45, 7:15, 10 • *Father's Day∞Kolya 5, 7:30* • Afterglow 10 • O Quatrilho 10 **RAV CHEN** Double Team∞Night Falls On Manhattan 5, *7:30, 9:45 • Afula* Express∞My Best Friend's Wedding 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
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RAV CHEN Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Conspiracy Theory ∞ The Peacemaker ∞ G.I. Jane 5, 7:15, 9:45 • My Best Friend's Wedding∞Cop Land 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Double Team 5, 7:30, 9:45
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G.G. ORI ☎6103111 G.I. Jane ∞Volcano 5, 7:30, 10 • Afterglow 10 • Father's Day 5, 7:30 • Conspiracy Theory 4:45, 7:15, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 Face/Off 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Double Team 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Afula *Express∞My Best Friend's Wedding 5,* 7:30, 9:45
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G.G.GIL ☎6905080 Face/Off∞My Best Friend's Wedding∞G.I. Jane 4:30, 7, 9:30
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Clemens wins 4th Cy Young Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens had a personal reason for wanting Cy Young Award No. 4. And it had little to do with baseball.

"I got one for Koby and Kory. I got one for Kasy, and I needed one for Kody," he said of his four children after winning the award Monday. "It kind of takes the pressure off dad a little bit."

Clemens, who in his first season with Toronto became the first pitcher to lead the AL in wins, ERA and strikeouts since Detroit's Hal Newhouser in 1945, became the first AL pitcher to win four Cy Youngs. He got 25 of 28 first-place votes and three seconds for 134 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Clemens went 21-7 with a 2.05 ERA and a career-high 292 strikeouts in 264 innings, topping 11 wins for the first time since 1992 and reaching 20 for the fourth time. His ERA was the lowest among AL starters who won the Cy Young since Ron Guidry's 1.74 in 1978.

He didn't gloat that the Red Sox made a bad decision in allowing him to leave, saying again that Dan Duquette was the cause of his departure, but not the motivation for his season.

"That's one guy I don't want assessing my baseball abilities, especially sitting in front of a computer," Clemens said.

Randy Johnson was second with two first-place votes and 77 points after returning from back surgery to lead Seattle back to the AL playoffs. He missed four late-season starts because of tendinitis in a finger.

"I think it was a big factor," Clemens said. "I think Randy would have been right there and we would have knocked heads."

Clemens also won the award with the Boston Red Sox in 1986, 1987 and 1991. The only other pitchers to win four Cy Youngs were in the NL: Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux (who won in consecutive years).

The six-year span between Cy Youngs matched Gaylord Perry for the largest gap. And the 12 seasons between Clemens' first and last Cy Youngs is the most ever, one more than Carlton, who won his four from 1972-82.

With four Cy Youngs, Clemens appears to be locking up lots of Hall of Fame votes.

"It would be unbelievable. That's the final stop, I guess," he said. "Hopefully, one day I can take the kids in there turn them lose and let them see what their dad did for 15 or 20 years and I won't have to tell them about it."

After leaving Boston to sign a $24.75 million, three-year contract with the Blue Jays, Clemens got off to an 11-0 start and was picked for his seventh All-Star game. He wound up sharing the AL lead in innings, complete games (nine) and shutouts (three) with teammate Pat Hentgen, the 1996 Cy Young winner.

Minnesota's Brad Radke was third with 17 points, and Baltimore reliever Randy Myers got the other first-place vote, finishing fourth with 14 points.

For winning the award, Clemens gets a $100,000 bonus. Johnson didn't have a bonus clause for finishing second and Radke gets $50,000 for finishing third.

TOP GUN – Roger Clemens mows 'em down. (AP)

Tennis tourney honors Rabin

"As determined as Yitzhak was as a soldier never to lose a war, so were his feelings about losing a set on the tennis court," said Leah Rabin yesterday.

Opening an international children's tournament at the Israel Tennis Center in Tel Aviv in the memory of her husband, Mrs. Rabin recalled how the time he had spent on the court were his only relaxing hours.

Among the many tennis officials at yesterday's ceremony was ITC trustee Rubin Josephs who expressed his personal thanks to Yitzhak and Leah Rabin for their contribution to Israeli tennis. *Heather Chait*

Sampras upset by Moya in Hannover

HANNOVER (AP) – The opening match of the ATP Tour World Championship featured the defending champion and the No. 1 in the world against the youngest newcomer. Except, it was Pete Sampras who played like the novice and Carlos Moya who looked like the veteran.

Sampras, the No. 1 who is seeking his fourth title in the elite season-ending event, made a staggering total of 50 unforced errors and lost to the 21-year-old Spaniard 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2 yesterday.

"It was a tough day," Sampras said. "It's not the start I wanted, but I'm not out of it."

Moya's victory gave him a measure of revenge for the straight-sets loss to the American in the final of the Australian Open early this year.

Because of the round-robin format of the preliminary round, Sampras is still in contention. But he faces tough matches against Patrick Rafter and Greg Rusedski, who are both ranked higher than No. 7 Moya.

In a battle between two stars of 1997 and newcomers to the event, Rafter beat the big-serving Rusedski 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Rafter, ranked No. 3 in the world, also beat Rusedski to win the US Open, his first Grand Slam title.

Rusedski, ranked No. 5, is the first British representative in the tournament, while Rafter is the first Australian since 1987.

In the other group, Michael Chang, No. 2 in the world, survived four set points in the first set and beat Sergi Bruguera 7-6 (10-8), 6-2.

Chang, runner up in 1995, is making his sixth appearance in the event. After prevailing in the close first set, Chang breezed through the second, twice breaking serve.

The $3.3-million tournament brings together the top eight players in the world, split into two groups. The top two from each group advance to the semifinals.

Sampras, playing his eighth championship, will meet Rusedski today, while Rafter battles Moya. Jonas Bjorkman plays Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the other group.

Moya had also beaten Sampras in practice Monday. "I realized that he wasn't playing very well, that the court was slow and that I had a chance." The Spaniard made full advantage of the slow, hard court, installed after several players complained that last year's carpet surface was too fast.

Although he won last year, Sampras was one of the complainers. He may have had a few regrets yesterday.

"The conditions are very, very slow. It's tough to finish points," Sampras said

Schumacher gets slap on wrist; F1 teams cleared

SLOUGH, England (AP) – Michael Schumacher escaped without a ban or a fine yesterday over his collision with Jacques Villeneuve in the season-ending Formula One race two weeks ago.

In what amounted to a slap on the wrist for the two-time champion, world motor sport's ruling body stripped the Ferrari driver of his second-place finish in the 1997 drivers' championship.

In a related ruling, FIA's World Motor Sports Council cleared the Williams and McLaren teams of allegations that they colluded to fix the European Grand Prix in Jerez, Spain, on October 26.

"I think it is perfectly clear that the race in Jerez was not fixed and no Formula One race has ever been fixed," FIA president Max Mosley said.

Schumacher, the circuit's most marketable personality, had risked a possible ban for the entire 1998 season and a fine of up to $1 million for ramming Villeneuve's Williams car in Jerez.

But the Motor Sports Council decided against banning Schumacher from any of next year's races or imposing any fine.

Schumacher has denied intentionally ramming Villeneuve but admitted he made a driving error.

Schumacher's Ferrari spun out after the crash on the 48th lap, while the Canadian finished the race and won his first Formula One championship.

Schumacher had a one-point lead going into the race and has been widely accused of deliberately trying to knock Villeneuve out in a bid to win his third title.

Mosley said Schumacher's collision with Villeneuve was "apparently deliberate but instinctive and not premedidated."

Mosley said it would be "futile" to ban Schumacher in 1998 on grounds that it would not act as a deterrent.

"There is no driver competing in 1998 who would not be ready to accept the ban in 1999 if he could win the championship in 1998," Mosley said.

Mosley said FIA considered imposing a fine but instead asked Schumacher to take part in a road safety campaign next year.

As for the just-concluded 1997 season, Mosley said Schumacher was being excluded. Although his individual results and points will stand, he will no longer be the runner-up to Villeneuve in the drivers' championship.

Williams' driver Heinz-Harald Frentzen moves up to second place, with McLaren's David Coulthard to third.

Meanwhile, the FIA body took no action against Williams and McLaren over the allegations that they conspired to fix the European Grand Prix.

News reports in Italy and Britain, based on transcripts of radio conversations during the race, have said that Villeneuve was ordered by Williams to let McLaren drivers Mika Hakkinen and Coulthard pass him on the final lap. The McLarens finished first and second, with Villeneuve third.

Berkovic accuses West Ham team mate of jealousy

LONDON (Reuters) – Israel international Eyal Berkovic could be heavily fined after slapping West Ham team mate John Moncur during Sunday's defeat at Chelsea and criticizing the same player in a newspaper article.

Berkovic, who joined West Ham from Southampton in June for £1.75 million ($3.0 million), has scored five goals in 15 appearances for West Ham this season, but despite his good start for the Hammers, there have been continual rumours he was unhappy at Upton Park.

Yesterday Berkovic publicly explained why.

Speaking two days after their well-publicised bust-up during Sunday's 2-1 defeat at Chelsea, Berkovic accused Moncur of jealousy and turning people at the club against him.

He told the *Daily Mirror*: "I am not sorry about what I have done. John Moncur deserved to be hit.

"He is one of the most jealous people I have ever met in my life. I gave him a slap because I just could not stand it anymore.

"Right from the beginning of the season he has done everything against me, goaded the other players and even incited the supporters against me.

"I am not going to give up on this matter."

Moncur said he was astonished by Berkovic's comments.

"There has been no problem between us whatsoever and I always believed we got on fine," he told the newspaper.

"We have struck up a good understanding in midfield and we had never had an argument before Sunday's game.

"What happened then was just a silly one-off incident. The slap didn't bother me in the slightest. I wasn't angry about it and I shrugged it off as soon as it happened.

"I quite like Eyal as a person. I am not jealous of him in any way. I have never urged anyone against him and the supporters clearly love him."

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